

Blameless in the Day of Christ II

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This section of Scripture largely focuses on the agape walk. In many ways, it can parallel 1 Corinthians 13's definitions of agape. 1 Thessalonians 5 contains an entire list of agape-related actions that Christians are to maintain until the Gathering Together.¹ The final verse in this section, verse 23, emphasizes how an agape lifestyle will guard and protect your entire being. This promise comes from the usage of *blameless*.

(1 Th 5:12-23 KJV) And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; {13} And to esteem them very highly in love [agape] for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves. {14} Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded,

¹ Agape is not love; it is a chosen lifestyle based on 1 Corinthians 13's definitions of the same.



support the weak, be patient toward all men. {15} See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men. {16} Rejoice evermore. {17} Pray without ceasing. {18} In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. {19} Quench not the Spirit. {20} Despise not prophesyings. {21} Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. {22} Abstain from all appearance of evil. {23} And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Thessalonian agape walk:

In these Scriptures, an all-encompassing agape onus is found.

(1 Th 5:8 KJV) But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love [agape]; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

The context, a 'breastplate of faith and agape,' and the 'hope of salvation' frame the following collective actions.

(1 Th 5:11 KJV) Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

Bulleted list from verses 12-23:¹

- Know them which labor among you.
- Esteem them very highly in agape [Esteem others better than themselves

¹ Bolded items are agape characteristics defined in 1

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Phil 2:1-3]

- Be at peace [Follow righteousness, faith, agape and peace 2 Tim 2:22; greet one another with a kiss of agape—peace be with you all 1 Pet 5:14]
- Warn the unruly [atakos] [Does not behave itself unseemly]
- Comfort the faint-hearted. [oligopsuchos] [Charity edifieth 1 Co 8:1]
- Support the more feeble [asthenes]
- Be patient [makrothumeo] toward all [Be patient brethren unto the Gathering Together Jas 5:7, 8]
- See that none render evil for evil [thinketh no evil – kakos]
- Follow the beneficial things [agape] [Now the end of the commandment is agape out of a pure heart 1 Tim 1:5]
- Rejoice evermore [agape rejoices in the truth; we have not seen him, yet we agape Christ and rejoice with joy unspeakable 1 Peter 1:8]

- Pray without ceasing [Put on agape Col 3:14; Giving thanks to God Col 3:17]
- Give thanks in everything [Let all things be done with agape 1 Co 16:14]
- Quench not the spirit. [whether prophecies; whether tongues; whether knowledge; we prophecy in part]
- Despise not prophesyings [whether prophecies; we prophecy in part]
- Prove all things [Beareth stego all things, believeth pisteuo all things, hopeth elpizo all things, endureth hupomeno all things.
- Hold fast beautiful things [agape] [Now the end of the commandment is agape out of a pure heart 1 Tim 1:5]
- Abstain from all appearance of evil. [thinketh no evil]
- Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ – [When that which is perfect is come; but then face to face; when I became a man]

Verse 23 declares that the very God of peace will sanctify you wholly, meaning entirely. Your entire spirit, and soul, and body will be preserved blameless unto the

coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The watch has been set; the guards are at their stations. In this case, blameless refers to a spiritual guard; it is a state promoted by agape behavior and proper choices employed to preserve [tereo – to guard from loss or injury] your body, soul and spirit. Under this guard, your body, soul and gift of holy spirit will be the least troubled because they are the most guarded.

The guarding that these behaviors will provide is akin to dwelling in a mighty fortress or employing a full military apparatus.

1 Th 5:12-23 Literal according to usage:¹

And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you—the focus being 'behave according to agape, and are over you in the Lord'—leadership, and admonish you. {13} And to esteem them better than yourselves, very highly in agape, because of their work of the ministry. Be at peace among yourselves. {14} Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that don't behave according to

¹ I enjoined parallel references from related Scriptures of the same

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agape, unseemly, comfort the faint-hearted, support the feeble, do not manifest wrath against anyone until Jesus Christ returns. See that none renders evil for evil— agape thinks no evil. Follow only the beneficial things, agape being the greater of all choices. The end of the commandment is agape out of a pure heart. Rejoice in the truth forever—rejoice with joy unspeakable. Pray without ceasing; put on agape and give thanks to God. Give thanks in everything; do all things with agape. Quench not the manifestations of holy spirit, no matter if prophecies, tongues, knowledge, or parts of prophecies. Prove all things— agape bears all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things and endureth all things. Hold fast beautiful things, agape being the most beautiful— agape from a pure heart is the end of the commandment. Abstain from all appearances of evil— agape thinketh no evil. Follow this lifestyle until the Gathering Together as one manifesting a mature lifestyle could and would do.

To be continued . . .

Much Love in Christ,

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