

I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. <sup>17</sup> Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. <sup>18</sup> And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. <sup>19</sup> May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness and power that comes from God. <sup>20</sup> Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. <sup>21</sup> Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:16-21 (NLT)

## Become a people who live \_\_\_\_\_ lives.

Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we urge you in the name of the Lord Jesus to live in a way that pleases God, as we have taught you. You live this way already, and we encourage you to do so even more.

I Thessalonians 4:1 (NLT)

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

Romans 12:11 (NIV)

**When my story meets God's story it becomes \_\_\_\_\_-story.**

Now I appeal to Euodia and Syntyche. Please, because you belong to the Lord, settle your disagreement.

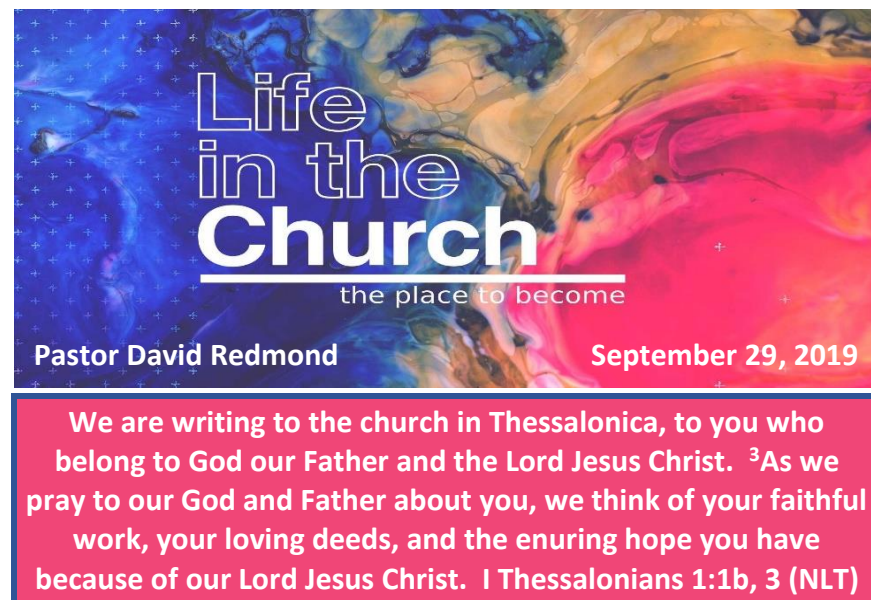
Philippians 4:2 (NLT)

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you his peace at all times and in every situation. The Lord be with you all. <sup>18</sup> May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

II Thessalonians 3:16, 18 (NLT)

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**Life  
in the  
Church**  
the place to become

Pastor David Redmond      September 29, 2019

We are writing to the church in Thessalonica, to you who belong to God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup>As we pray to our God and Father about you, we think of your faithful work, your loving deeds, and the enuring hope you have because of our Lord Jesus Christ. I Thessalonians 1:1b, 3 (NLT)

## Everyone needs...

**Acceptance – A place to be. 9/08**

**Growth – A place to believe. 9/15**

**Community – A place to belong. 9/22**

**Significance – A place to become. 9/29**

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**The place to be...**

**to believe, to belong, and to become!**

Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him. Colossians 3:10 (NLT)

And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us,  
we become more and more like him. II Corinthians 3:18b (TLB)

For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power  
to do what pleases him. Philippians 2:13 (NLT)

**God created the church so that we would...**

**Become a people who live on**

\_\_\_\_\_.

We know, dear brothers and sisters, that God loves you and has chosen you to be his own people. I Thessalonians 1:4 (NLT)

But I reckon my own life to be worth nothing to me; I only want to complete my mission and finish the work that the Lord Jesus gave me to do, which is to declare the Good News about the grace of God. Acts 20:24 (GW)

Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate?<sup>2</sup> Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. Philippians 2:1-2 (NLT)

For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son... Romans 8:29a (NLT)

Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work.” John 4:24 (NASB)

**Become a people who live to**

\_\_\_\_\_.

Instead, we will lovingly follow the truth at all times—speaking truly, dealing truly, living truly—and so become more and more in every way like Christ who is the Head of his body, the Church. Under his direction, the whole body is fitted together perfectly, and each part in its own special way helps the other parts, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. Ephesians 3:14-15 (TLB)

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many. Matthew 20:28 (NLT)

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.

Ephesians 4:10 (NIV)

**Become a people who live in**  
**relationships.**

Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other.<sup>10</sup> And in fact, you do love all of God’s family throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more.

I Thessalonians 4:9-10 (NIV)

A new command I give you: Love one another.  
As I have loved you, so you must love one another. John 13:34 (NIV)

So encourage each other and build each other up,  
just as you are already doing. I Thessalonians 5:11 (NLT)

We understand what love is when we realize that Christ gave his life for us. That means we must give our lives for other believers.

I John 3:16 (NASB)

**Become a people who live up to**  
**their** \_\_\_\_\_.

Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. Ephesians 4:1 (NLT)

We pray that you will become mature. II Corinthians 13:9b (NLT)

May God our Father and our Lord Jesus bring us to you very soon.<sup>12</sup> And may the Lord make your love for one another and for all people grow and overflow, just as our love for you overflows.<sup>13</sup> May he, as a result, make your hearts strong, blameless, and holy as you stand before God our Father when our Lord Jesus comes again with all his holy people. Amen. I Thessalonians 3:11-13 (NLT)