

JOY:FULLY LUTHERAN

1 THESS 5:16-24

THIS BIBLE STUDY INTRODUCES THE THEME VERSES for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod’s triennial theme, “Joy:fully Lutheran”. This study of 1 Thessalonians 5:16–24 highlights Paul’s teaching that the Christian’s response to God’s love in Christ is to rejoice, pray and give thanks (1THESS. 5:16–18). God’s promise is certain and sure in Christ, and God will sanctify us wholly and keep us blameless at the coming the Lord Jesus Christ. Our response to His love and mercy is joy.

PRAYER:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, because of Your tender love toward us sinners, You have given us Your Son that, believing in Him, we might have everlasting life. Continue to grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may remain steadfast in this faith to the end and finally come to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Read 1 Thess. 5:16–24.

To whom is this passage written?

Read 1 Thess. 5:16–18.

What leads Christians to joy?

Why do we pray?

For what do we give thanks?

How is the Christian life (sanctification) one of response?

Does our rejoicing, prayer and thanksgiving mean we will never suffer or face trials?

Read 1 Thess. 5:19-22.

How do we quench the Spirit?

How do we despise prophecies?

How do we test everything?

Why are we to avoid evil?

Read 1 Thess. 5:23–24.

What does the word sanctify mean?

How much of you does God save?

Are you blameless?

Who is responsible for this work in you?

How do we know that He has done this work in us and will do this work in us?

Why do we rejoice, pray and give thanks?
