



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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Bible Study 7 pm

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Bless You!

Blessed are you when you come to worship, even when you are not feeling the best in the world – your dedication is helping to inspire many in this congregation.

Blessed are you when you leave your contribution, even when you cannot physically be here – you have helped this church to meet its financial obligations and branch out in new endeavors in the name of the Lord.

Blessed are you when you smile and greet others and sing from the heart, even when you've had a bad week – you help to spark the enthusiasm and zeal this church so needs.

Blessed are you when you help with our teaching program, even when you already have a full slate in your life – you are helping to educate the brethren and their children and mold the future of this church.

Blessed are you when you invite and bring people to church services, even when it sometimes makes you uncomfortable to approach them – you are helping this congregation to fulfill the Great Commission.

Blessed are you when you leave our gatherings with the intent of improving your life and benefitting and encouraging the lives of others – you are helping this church's influence in spreading the light and love of Christ to one and all.

Blessed are you indeed, for the Lord has definitely blessed you and by doing these (and more), you are recognizing Him for that fact and blessing many others in the process.

“Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city” (Rev. 22:14).

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Family in the Faith

Throughout Paul's missionary journeys recorded in the book of Acts, he interacts with a number of young men who variously traveled with him, ran errands for him, and continued the work in a congregation begun by him. However, while the text mentions a few of these younger preachers, the relationship Paul had with Timothy serves as a poignant model that deserves careful attention and emulation. After ten years of working together, Paul wrote his first inspired epistle to Timothy, and even the opening salutation reveals the spiritual depth of their relationship: *"Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the commandment of God our Savior and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope, To Timothy, a true son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord"* (**1 Tim. 1:1-2**).

The foundation for the close relationship shared between Paul and Timothy was their mutual commitment to Jesus Christ. Paul's work as an apostle had brought them together. Doing God's will had made their relationship possible. It took Paul with Barnabas to Lystra, and that same commitment to doing God's will caused Timothy to join them (**Acts 16:1-3**). Yet, despite their differences in age and authority, they both depended on God for salvation and on Jesus for hope. Indeed, these brought them together to form a bond as a spiritual father to a spiritual son.

Sometimes today we fail to appreciate the power of Christianity to create and cement lasting relationships. But the more we invest in working with one another in the kingdom, the more our relationship with our heavenly Father defines our relationship with one another so that grace, mercy, and peace from God become tangible and visible in our daily lives. This is the type of relationship we should all long for and cherish within the church, but we must also be willing to invest our time, energy, and love in one another to make it happen.

Kevin Rhodes