

## I Thessalonians

Class #115 – TUE PM 12/13/2005

1 Thessalonians 4:9 “Being taught by God”

- is a continuous process
- to be affective the Christian must have contact with fellow believers

### **1 Thessalonians 4:9-10 Interpretive Translation**

Now **concerning the benevolent regard for fellow members of God's Royal Family**, you have no need for *anyone* to write to you, because you yourselves are **being** taught by God to love one another; for indeed you do practice it toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, **to continue excelling to a greater degree**,

Review and revised

**POD #1** – There is always room for improvement in manifesting benevolent regard for members of God's Royal Family.

**POD #2** – Being taught (by God) to love our fellow believers is a process.

**POD #3** – That process, of being taught, occurs through spiritual opportunities to seize (Carpe Occasio) and through Introspective Objective Self Evaluation in the Privacy of the Priesthood.

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**POD #4** – The Local Church is God's divinely designed classroom in which believers learn how to “excel to a greater degree” (1 Thess 4:10b) in benevolent regard toward other believers

**Hebrews 10:24-25** and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

**Galatians 5:13** For you were called (at faith alone in Christ alone) to freedom, brethren; only *do not turn* your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another (a command!).

**POD #5** - The local church is God's divinely designed classroom where the believer learns how to excel to a greater degree in loving fellow believers through seizing spiritual opportunities to serve one another with the manifold grace of God (1 Thess. 4:9-10 cf. Heb. 10:24-25 cf. Gal 5:13 cf. 1 Cor. 12:7 cf. 1 Peter 4:10).

1 Thess 4:9-10 cf. Heb 10:24-25 cf. Gal 5:13 compared to the following:

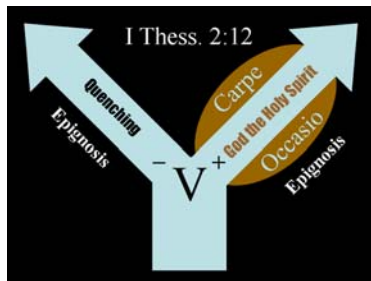
**1 Corinthians 12:7** But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

**1 Peter 4:10** As each one has received a *special gift*, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

*The illustration was given of a young lady who was to have surgery today and needed our immediate prayers – by being in attendance in the local church meeting **Carpe Occasio** was made possible. If you only get around to listening to the lesson in a week or two or perhaps even a day or two that opportunity is missed. The Hall of Records in Heaven will be loaded with records of missed opportunities.*

### Class Slides

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*All Scriptures quoted are from New American Standard unless otherwise noted.*