***Lesson Twenty-Two***

**1 Thessalonians 5:9-11**

**God Has Not Destined Us For Wrath**

**1.** In 1 Thessalonians 5:9 Paul makes two statements, one negative and one positive, regarding God’s sovereign will for the elect . . . ***For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ***.

**a.** To begin with, what does the word ***destined*** (*tithēmi*—#5087) mean?

**b.** What are the two statements Paul makes regarding God’s will for the elect? Explain the significant of each.

**c.** The verb ***destined*** (*tithēmi*) is in the aorist tense and middle voice. What is the significance of this grammatical construction in regard to God’s actions stated in v. 9?

**2.** In 1 Thessalonians 5:10 Paul states how were are saved . . . ***through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us***. The word ***died*** (*apothnēskō—*#599) is in the active voice, meaning that Jesus Christ is the person acting, not being acted upon. In regard to the question, **“who killed Jesus?”** what is the significance of the statement that ***our Lord Jesus Christ died for us***? (see John 10:18, 19:28-30)

**3.** In 1 Thessalonians 5:10 Paul teaches us that ***whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him.***

**a.** What do the terms ***awake*** and ***asleep*** denote?

**b.** In light of his teaching in this letter, what is Paul’s purpose in this statement?

**4.** Paul closes this section of this letter with **two commands**in v. 11 . . . ***therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.*** What do these two commands mean?

**a. *encourage*** (*parakaleō*—#3870) ***one another—***

**b. *build up*** (*oikodomeō*—#3618) ***one another—***

**5.** In v. 11 Paul’s commands are reciprocal. We are commanded to ***encourage one another and build up one another***. What is the significance of this reciprocal action and what effect do it have on the health and life of the church?

**6.** Paul closes in v. 11 with the additional remark . . . ***just as you are doing***. If the Thessalonians were already doing what Paul has just commanded, **why did he command it?**