

I Thess. 5:19

SUBJECT: Chit and The  
City Church

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3 Thess. 5:17-19

Rev. 2:1,6,24,4,5

because you  
will not  
deny your  
name  
and they all  
know those  
Thessalonians.  
1 Th 1:10

# Christ and the City Church

## Why Thessalonica Breach the Spirit?

1. Apocalypse in city itself. *Top, ancient, illustrations city.*  
 Herodotus, Pericles etc -- Thessonia.  
 Death of city the first 723. *Four generals, Ataleny, Seleucus, Lysimachus.*  
 Roman capital, province, Macedonia. 146 BC. *Capital re-named after city's name.*  
 Cicero 4th 38 BC *Letter.*  
 Anthony and Octavianus (Augustus) 42 BC. *First City.*  
 Strabo (as to day's city) *Post Antipater*  
 Herodotus -- *Via Thessalia.* *Modern Salonica*  
 Religion in the city: *in decay with venerable traditions.*

2. A reason in the church itself.

Acts 17:4 *σεβόμενοι . . .*  
*πρωτὰ ἑαυτῶν . . .*

Religion in the fundamental church.

3. A reason in the Holy Spirit Himself

Moved by the Holy Spirit - *boldness, zeal, witness*  
- *condemning*, *what must I do to be saved?*  
- *praising, magnifying God.*

Now that in this church. . . *Preached the Spirit.*

The modern city church following in the way of Thessalonians.  
Power, movement, zeal of the Holy Spirit diminished.  
Repression, suppression, the side, the day.  
Suppressed by cold, formal, indifferent, removal, reworked  
but betray intellectual weakness  
emotional instability

And the Spirit dies. But that is not all.  
where we allow some one to turn the screw out of our universe - that  
not all. The world perishes with it. Light, heat, fire, flame, life - gone.  
where the Spirit dies

I. The fire dies. The flame dies.

Loss of divine power, energy, zeal.  
The layman, loses his dull ministry of men with platitudes - you  
into a play-off

(a) Edgar Young Muller, (9 Dallas) story of the manly in the picture fire.  
and 3:11 is not to die, but to be dead. (3:11)  
(b) The people watching the church burn from down in the village. The town  
was full of them. Preacher: "Well, but fire may save you at church." "Yes -  
then, the first sign it has ever been no fire!"

(c) Russell W. Longwell. The old colored janitor. Part by pictures and  
was stopped as necessary. He was a very good preacher... a true man of God...  
with no air + yet as much as he had. Oh, since he has gone, the road, and the...  
looking closed up. Town full of church. Space for 300.  
Baptist would claim, not true, in not just another.



#### IV. God's work dies.

Nobody to listen, to obey, to do.

The Holy Spirit near the Bible, - the Word of God, the preacher, the  
services, the hymns, the prayers. Renewed the Spirit, mostly remains but  
the frustration of the will of God.

When yielded response dies in our souls, God's work glorifies in  
the earth. God's world becomes a desert. dry, dreary - desolate.

04. for the blood of the Christ's blood

05. for a mighty revival.

06. for a sanctified, barren land,  
ready to hail its revival.

Sit up after, but it's no praying  
which we would prefer we go our way  
prayerless, passively, day after day  
sit up after, but it's no love prayer.