Series: Faith By the Number Six Ways to Please God:

<u>Text</u>: (1 Thes 4:1)

I. Introduction: The Absolute Truths of Christianity.
One: (Jn 14:6) One Way, One Truth, One Life.
Two: (Matt 22:37-39) 2 Commandments of Christ
Three: (Rom 1-2) 3 Dedications/Victorious Christian
Four: (Gal 2:20-21) 4 Truth's that Conform us to Christ

Five: Truths to Build Our Life Upon:

TODAY: Six Procedures for Pleasing God (1 Thes 4:1)

(Gal 1:10)(Rom 6:16)

We were created to bring pleasure to God: (Rev 4:11)

The Flesh Displeases God: (Rom 8:1, 8)

(Prv 14:12; 30:12)(Rom 7:18)

Our Lack of Faith Displeases God: (Rom 14:23)

It takes Faith to Please God: (Heb 11:6)

Step 1 of Faith is Coming to God. (James 4:8)

Step 2 of Faith is Believing in Him. (Deut 9:18-29)

Step 3 of Faith is Following Him.

Step 4 of Faith is **Expecting** rest things from Him.

What are the rewards? (1 Cor 3:12-15)

Bad things are enjoyed 1st, paid for later (Heb 11:25)

Good things are paid for 1st enjoyed later (Gal 6:7-9)

Parable of the Talents (Matt 25:23)

I. Giving Praise & Thanks Pleases God:

(Ps 69:30-31a) Praise: To Give Credit/Honor (Ps 63:3)

Praising God Collectively as a People: (Ps 67:3)

Praising God throughout our day: (Ps 71:8)

Praising God for the Span of Our Lives: (Ps 71:14-15)

Praising God for Our Salvation: (Ps 71:23) **Praising God for His Goodness:** (Ps 107:31)

We Owe God Credit/Honor for Everything. (Ps 69:30-31a)

(Heb 13:15-16) "Sacrifice" not natural. (1 Thes 5:18) All that God has allowed.

II. Obedience to Authority Pleases God: (Col 3:20)

God's Management System.

Parents: (Eph 6:1)
Pastors: (Heb 13:17)
Teachers: (2 Tim 2:2)
Employers: (Eph 6:5-8)

Government: (Rom 13:1,4)

III. Bearing Fruit Pleases God: (Col 1:10)

Fruit: Outcome or Result (Prov 11:30)
Fruit in this life (In Christ)

Fruit in the Next Life (As a result of Christ)

IV. <u>Increasing in the Knowledge of God Pleases God</u>:

(Col 1:10) (2 Pet 1:3)

V. Avoiding Entanglment in Life's Affairs Pleases God

(2 Tim 2:3-4)(2Tim 1:8; 2:20; 3:11; 4:5)

VI. Fear of the Lord Pleases God: (Ps 147:11)

Do These 6 things Really Work?

(Heb 11:5) Enoch Pleased God (John 8:29) Jesus Pleased God