## Where Are We And Where Are We Going? The Church of Christ At Airport Loop

Revelation 2:19 "I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first.

1 Thessalonians 1:3 remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father,

### I. The Work, Labor, And Service

Ephesians 4:11-12 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

2 Timothy 4:2 <u>Preach the word!</u> Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

Acts 20:28 Therefore <u>take heed to yourselves and to all the flock</u>, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, <u>to shepherd the church of God</u> which He purchased with His own blood.

Hebrews 13:17 Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, <u>for they watch out for your souls</u>, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

1 Timothy 3:13 For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Romans 12:7 or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; <u>he who teaches, in teaching</u>;

Acts 8:4 Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word.

- 1 Thessalonians 1:8 For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything.
- 1 Corinthians 3:6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.

# II. Receiving And Following The Word Of God

1 Thessalonians 2:13 For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.

- 1 Thessalonians 1:6 And <u>you became followers of us and of the Lord</u>, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit,
- 2 Thessalonians 2:15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle.
- 2 Thessalonians 3:4 And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, both that you do and will do the things we command you.

### III. Increasing And Abounding In Love To One Another

- 1 Thessalonians 3:12 And <u>may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you,</u>
- 2 Thessalonians 1:3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other,
- 1 Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore <u>comfort each other and edify one another, just as</u> you also are doing.

### IV. Where Are We Going?

- 1 Thessalonians 4:1 Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God;
- 1 Thessalonians 2:19 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?