

## 1 Thess 5:11 Therefore encourage one another Fintry, 21/8/2011, pm

- (Read vs. 1-11)
- Paul saw that truth expressed would encourage:
  - here they are worried about dying and what happens to those who have died...
  - Paul explains the truth, and encourages them to encourage one another by telling truth about God - 4:18, 5:11
- *Video: truth gives a true perspective*
  - without that true perspective we will make mistakes
- That true perspective needs to be articulated, expressed, spoken out, checked
  - if you have learned something of God, it won't do me much good if it is only in your head/heart!
  - and it actually won't do you much good if its only in your head/heart - one of the dangers of being a "well fed" Christian is of getting spiritually fat and lazy...
- *Paul doesn't say: "Pastors, encourage your congregation"*
  - what have you done this summer?
  - what has encouraged you in your walk with God?
  - how have you seen him at work?
  - camp, Keswick, CLAN, visiting another church...
  - holiday, reading, experience, some other person - Christian or not...