

2 Thessalonians 3 – Part 1

6/10/26

- Tonight – Opportunity to give a Bible study
 - 2 Thessalonians is considered a clarification of 1 Thessalonians
 - The clarification came into play in Chapter 2
 - We took 2 Bible studies to discuss Chapter 2
 - May 27 = Falling away
 - June 3 = Anti-Christ
 - And now, we are going to take 2 Bible studies to discuss Chapter 3
 - Title – “2 Thessalonians 3 – Part 1”
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- 2 Thessalonians 3

2 Thess. 3:1-2 finally brethren – pray for us

- That the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified
- That we may be delivered from unreasonable, wicked men

- Reminders about the wicked men

Acts 16:12 they arrived in Philippi
19 dragged to the authorities in Philippi
22 beaten with rods
23 thrown into jail

Acts 17:1 came to Thessalonica
5 evil men – gathering a mob
10 the brethren sent Paul and Silas to Berea – by night
13 the mob went to Berea
14 the brethren sent Paul (by sea) to Athens

2 Thes. 3:3 but the Lord is faithful – who will establish you and guard you from the evil one

- Reminders – about The Evil One

Matt. 13:19 the wicked one snatches
Luke 8:12 the devil comes – takes away the word
John 17:15 the Son’s prayer

- not delivered out of the world
- keep them from the evil one

- Follow the Instructions
- 2 Thes. 3:4 confidence in the Lord – to help you follow commands
- 5 “Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ”
- Instructions about Working – 2 Thessalonians 3:6-12
- Two important applications
 1. General instruction – about being good workers
 2. Included – comments about people getting paid to preach gospel
- 2 Thes. 3:6 “we command you” – in the name of our Lord – withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which he received
- 7-9 “you ought to follow us” – Paul, Silas and Timothy
 - we were not disorderly
 - we did not eat anyone’s bread – free of charge
 - we worked – we did not want to be a burden to you
 - we had the right not to work – we wanted to be an example
- We covered this on 4/22/26 – when talking about 1 Thessalonians 2:1-20
- Acts 18:1 Paul went to Corinth – (18 months – verse 11)
- 2 Aquila & Priscilla – same trade – occupation was tent-makers
- 1 Cor. 9:1 am I not an apostle?
- 2 if I am not an apostle to others, doubtless I am an apostle to you
- 4 don’t we have the right to eat and drink?
- 5 don’t we have the right to have a believing wife?
- 6 is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working?
- Continuing – Instructions about Working
- 2 Thes. 3:10 when we were with you, we commanded you – “if anyone will not work, neither shall he eat”
- 11 we hear – there are some people, who walk among you in a disorderly manner – not working at all – but are busybodies
- 12 we exhort people (through our Lord Jesus Christ) – work & eat your bread
- 13 do not grow weary in well-doing