

2 Thessalonians 3 – Part 3

6/24/26

- Tonight – Opportunity to give a Bible study
 - Title – “2 Thessalonians 3 – Part 3”
 - Part 1 (June 10) – 2 Thessalonians 3:1-13
 - Part 2 (June 17) – 2 Thessalonians 3:6 and 2 Thessalonians 3:14
 - Part 3 (tonight) – 2 Thessalonians 3:15-18
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- Reminders – 2 Thessalonians 3:6 and 2 Thessalonians 3:14

- 2 Thes. 3:6 “we command you (in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ) to withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which he received from us”
- 2 Thes. 3:14 “if anyone does not obey our word in this epistle, note that person and do not keep company with him – that he may be ashamed”
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- Let’s spend a few minutes – talking about shaming
 - It is good for people to become ashamed – because of their actions
 - It is good for people to become ashamed – leading to repentance
 - But beware of people – who are trying to shame you
 - And be careful – to avoid seeking to shame people
- John 8:3-5 the scribes and Pharisees – shamed the woman – seeking to shame Christ
- brought a woman to Him
 - set her in the midst
 - accused her
 - quoted the words of Moses – at Christ
 - demanded His response
- 6-9 Christ wrote on the ground – He shamed them back
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- 2 Thes. 3:15 “do not count him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother”

Revised Standard – “Do not look on him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.”

Moffatt – “You are not to treat him as an enemy, but to put him under discipline as a brother.”

The Amplified New Testament – “Do not regard him as an enemy, but simply admonish and warn him as [being still] a brother.”

· Can you spot the approach of the devil?

Gen. 3:1-6 subtle questions – misrepresenting God
Matt. 4:1-11 the devil

- “if you are the Son of God . . .”
- “if you are the Son of God . . .”

· Can you recognize Christ’s loving approach?

John 10:10 the thief comes to steal, to kill and to destroy – Christ came that there may be life – and that they may have it more abundantly
11-16 loving the flock
Matt. 9:13 “go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice’ ”
10 tax collectors and sinners – sat down with Him
11 “why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”
12 “those who are sick need a physician”
13 “go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice’ ” – “I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance”
Matt. 12:1-7 defending His disciples

· You can’t see or hear – the hidden love of powerful prayer

Gen. 18:23-33	Abraham negotiated with God
Exod. 32:10-13	Moses pleaded with the Lord
Luke 11:5-8	persistent prayer
Luke 18:1-8	persistent prayer

· Can you recognize the true love of people?

1 Cor. 7:21 can you recognize people who are trying to free you from slavery?
1 Thes. 2:7 can you recognize people who are like comforting mothers?
11 can you recognize people who are like comforting fathers?
2 Tim. 1:16-18 can you recognize people who support you?

· In conclusion

2 Thes. 3:16 “May the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way – the Lord be with you all”
17 Paul had a standard conclusion
2 Thes. 2:2 as if from us
2 Thes. 3:18 the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all – Amen