

PAUL'S REQUEST OF THE SAINTS AT THESSALONICA
(2 Thessalonians 3:1-3)

I. Paul's ENCOURAGEMENT In Light of Their Present Persecution (chp 1)

II. Paul's EXPLANATION Concerning the "Day of the Lord" (chp 2)

III. Paul's EXHORTATION to These Saints (3:1-16)

"Finally"...

A. Paul Requests _____ of These Saints (3:1-2)

1. His request: "*Brethren, _____ for _____ !*"

- What does this request *reveal* about the Apostle Paul?
- Is this request something Paul has done in other portions of scripture?
- What is Paul asking prayer for in these other passages?

2. What did Paul ask prayer for here?

a. That the word of the Lord may _____ & be
_____.

* What is he referring to when he says "*the word of the Lord*"

b. That they may be _____ from _____ &
_____ men!

- Paul's first request was for the _____ of the gospel in its propagation, but his second request was for the _____ of its messengers!
- Why are these men described like this?
- What does this mean practically?

B. Realize God's _____ In the Midst of Believing Prayer (3:3)

1. What _____ should we acknowledge in believing prayer?

- Where does the strength of the believer lie?

2. How is God's faithfulness shown toward His saints?

a. God's faithfulness _____ or _____ the believer.

- How does God do this?

b. God's faithfulness will _____ the believer from the
_____.

* What does all this mean to you?