PAUL'S CONFIDENCE EXPRESSED
(2 Thessalonians 3:3-5)

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)

   A. Paul's Request of These Saints (3:1-2) … "Brethren, _____ for_____"

   • The value of believing mutual prayer cannot be _____.

   • What did Paul request prayer for here? –2 things:

   1. That the Word of the Lord would go _____ via the _____ into all
      the world & that it's saving value be <u>heard</u> & _____ by sinful men.

   2. That they might be _____ by God's grace from _____
      & _____ men!

   • Why are these men described like this?

   • What does this prayer request mean practically?

The absence of the _____/_____word _____the
unreasonableness of wicked men, while _____of the gospel allows evil &
unreasonable men to be _____/_____ by God's grace through simple
_____in Christ!!!

   B. Paul's Confidence Expressed (3:3-5)

   1. Paul's confidence, as to what God would do, was based on the _____of
      God (3:3a)… As "*God is _____*"

   2. God in His faithfulness seeks to _____ & _____
      believers from all _____ (3:3b)

      *How does God do this?

3. Paul's confidence was the fact that God was _____ these saints (3:4a)

Phil 1:6 & 2:12-13

- Who was the *ultimate basis* of this confidence for Paul (3:4)?

- What was Paul confident about that the Lord would accomplish in these folks?

  a. That they would do God's will in the_____ , and

  b. That they would do God's will also in the_____.

- What *phrase* here indicates that God has a definite will in the lives of His people?

- How should believers view the "*commands*" of scripture? (1 John 5:1-4)

- Apart from the_____, we have no _____to direct us in life.

4. In light of these things, Paul closes this section with a _____/_____ for these saints (3:5)

5. Paul see's their _____ to all this as an issue of God directing their _____.

- What do we mean when we speak of the "*heart*" of man?

6. When the Spirit of God *controls*, He *directs* us toward the _____ & into the_____!

- What does all this mean to you?