

**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 Makes Request of These Saints (3:1-2) ... "Brethren, \_\_\_\_\_ for us"**

- 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 seen & \_\_\_\_\_ by sinful men.
  2. That they might be \_\_\_\_\_ by God's grace from unreasonable & wicked men!
- What does that mean practically?

**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)... "*God is \_\_\_\_\_*"
2. God in His faithfulness seeks to \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ believers from all \_\_\_\_\_ (3:3b)
3. Paul's confidence was also in God \_\_\_\_\_ these saints (3:4a)

Phil 1:6 & 2:12-13

- Who was the *ultimate basis* of this confidence for Paul?
- 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)

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?