

II Thessalonians 3:1-15 – God’s faithfulness

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Intro – pray for us ...

I. We must allow the Word of God to have free course – Isaiah 59:21

A. The Lord is faithful – sending prophets

1. Establish you
2. Keep you from evil
3. Direct your hearts into love and patience (as Christ in his trials)

B. You are obedient – v.4, 7 following Paul

II. We must make sure the Word of God is glorified (by our obedience)

III. We must be delivered from wicked and unreasonable men (who do not have faith)

A. **Wicked** - Men with bad aims and purposes. I Timothy 5:20

B. **Unreasonable** – without discipline or restraint, cannot be trusted – “It is not always true that those who would come under the appellation of what the apostle here calls "unreasonable," are wicked. They are sometimes well-meaning, but misguided men. The word unreasonable is rendered in the margin absurd. It means out of place; then absurd, unusual, strange; then improper, unreasonable, wicked. It refers here to men who acted amiss or improperly; men who were not found in the right place, or who had not the right views of things; and probably does not refer so much to their being positively wicked or malicious, as to their putting things out of their proper place. They gave an undue prominence to certain things, and less importance to others than they deserved. They had a distorted vision...” *Barnes*

IV. We must follow Paul’s example

A. **Withdraw** from those who walk disorderly

False brethren are destructive

B. **Do not** be idle – be diligent in work

C. **Do not** be weary in well doing

V. We must correct the disobedient in the Church

A. **Have no company** with those who do not obey the word (the ban, shunning)

B. **Admonish** them as brothers – ‘note that man’ Luke 17:3

Verses 14 - 15

1. if someone does not obey
2. note that person
3. have no company with him
to cause him to be ashamed
4. admonish him
5. because he is a brother (I Corinthians 5:5)

Notes - Keep Word and Spirit together

Believing that one’s own system is above scrutiny results in loyalty without integrity

Paul links idleness, wickedness, unreasonableness, disorderliness ...

Do not be afraid to confront evil and wrong

Integrity preserves, loyalty (without integrity) is destructive

Do not follow wrong teachers and decisions

“Super apostles” were a ‘thorn in the flesh’ to Apostle Paul (II Corinthians 11:5...)

Wrong can overbalance right if we are not diligent to deal with the wrong

God will bring judgment – If you disobey, it will not rain (Deuteronomy 11:17)

Romans 1- They did not acknowledge God; God gave them over to vile sins.

“Where sin and error is not rebuked, but where it is said, ‘leave me alone in my own self-will, opinion and doing, and I will leave thee alone likewise; we will love one another, and be brethren.’ Alas! We have but too long stood in such pernicious, hypocritical love.... But now we have learned such a love, and have yet to learn it, which hate and reproves evil and wickedness.” —Alexander Mack