

## 2 Thessalonians 3:1-18

Finally, brethren, **pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run *swiftly* and be glorified**, just as *it is* with you, <sup>2</sup> and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith.

<sup>3</sup> But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard *you* from the evil one. <sup>4</sup> And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, both that you do and will do the things we command you.

<sup>5</sup> Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.

### **Warning Against Idleness**

<sup>6</sup> But we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which <sup>[a]</sup>he received from us.

<sup>7</sup> For you yourselves know how you ought to follow us, for we were not disorderly among you;

<sup>8</sup> nor did we eat anyone's bread <sup>[b]</sup>free of charge, but worked with labor and toil night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, <sup>9</sup> not because we do not have authority, but to make ourselves an example of how you should follow us.

<sup>10</sup> For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat. <sup>11</sup> For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies.

<sup>12</sup> Now those who are such we command and <sup>[c]</sup>exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread.

<sup>13</sup> But *as for* you, brethren, do not grow weary *in* doing good. <sup>14</sup> And if anyone does not obey our word in this <sup>[d]</sup>epistle, note that person and do not keep company with him, that he may be ashamed.

<sup>15</sup> Yet do not count *him* as an enemy, but <sup>[e]</sup>admonish *him* as a brother.

### **Benediction**

<sup>16</sup> Now **may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way.** The Lord *be* with you all.

<sup>17</sup> The salutation of Paul with my own hand, which is a sign in every <sup>[f]</sup>epistle; so I write.

<sup>18</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.

## What if?

Ask yourself this question, what if the Lord comes back right now;

- Will He recognize me as being part of His household and family?
- How will He recognize me? Will I have enough oil in my spiritual lamp?
- What will I be doing at that moment? Idle?
- Do I exhibit His peace when He returns?

**Will He recognize me ?**

**John 3:16-18**, *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.<sup>17</sup> For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that **the world through Him might be saved.***

<sup>18</sup> *“He who believes in Him is not condemned; but **he who does not believe is condemned already**, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*

The apostle Paul teaches also in **Gal. 5: 26**, *that we are **all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.***

## How will He recognize me?

**John 14: 17**, *the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but **you know Him**, for **He dwells with you and will be in you.***

**John 16: 14**, *He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.*

**Eph. 1: 13-14**, *In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, **you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise**, <sup>14</sup> who<sup>[a]</sup> is the <sup>[b]</sup> **guarantee of our inheritance** until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.*

**What am I doing when He comes?**

**John 12:26, *If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.***

**His Peace**

**John 14: 27, *Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.***

**Luke 2: 14, *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests.***