

## 2 Thes. 3:1-5

- I. We are requesting your prayer, confident that you will do so (1-4)
  - A. We need prayers because of continued opposition and opportunity for Word ministry (1-3)
    - 1. Pray for the success of our ministry and against the opposition to our ministry (1-2a)
      - a. Finally, brothers, pray concerning us (1a)
      - b. Purpose: So that the Word may do its work and we may be protected from opposition (1b-2a)
        - This is the content of the prayer which Paul requests,  
but also the intended result of the answered prayer
        - 1) That the Word may everywhere accomplish what it did among you (1b-d)
          - a) That the Word may spread and be appropriately accepted (1b-c)
            - (1) The Word of the Lord may spread rapidly (1b)  
Literally “may run”
            - (2) And [The Word] may be glorified/honored (1c)
              - b) Just as [it did] toward you (1d)
          - 2) So that we may be rescued from men who are wrong/wicked and evil (2a)
      - 2. Reason: For there is opposition, but God is able to overcome all opposition (2b-3)
        - a. Neg: For the faith is not possessed by all (2b)
        - b. Pos: But the Lord is faithful to strengthen and guard you (3a-c)
          - 1) But the Lord is faithful (3a)
          - 2) Specifically: He will strengthen and guard you (3b-c)
            - a) Who will strengthen [you] (3b)
            - b) And guard you from the evil (one) (3c)
    - B. We are confident in your faith and continued obedience in prayer (4)
      - 1. We are convinced in the Lord about you (4a)
      - 2. You are doing what we have asked (4b-d)
        - a. That the things which we have commanded (4b)
          - In this context, most likely refers to his request for prayer in v. 1  
But this also applies to a more general obedience to Paul’s teaching
        - b. You are doing and will continue (4c-d)
          - 1) You are doing (4c)
          - 2) And you will [continue to] do (4d)
  - II. May the Lord lead/guide your hearts into the love of God and into the endurance of Christ (5)  
Paul’s blessing and prayer for the Thessalonians