

sermon notes

August 28, 2022 | Pastor Tony Caffey, Verse By Verse Fellowship
Kingdom Come | “Final Words to the Thessalonian Church” | **2 Thess 3:13-18**

1. **Final Encouragement:** Don’t quit on _____
_____ (3:13)

2. **Final Command:** Protect the _____
_____ of the church (3:14-15)

3. **Final Prayer:** May Jesus give _____ and
_____ (3:16-18)

What are some “good things” that we can grow weary doing?

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

Questions for Further Application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

Watch the Bible Project Video that summarizes the book of 2 Thessalonians: <https://thebibleproject.com/explore/2-thessalonians/>. Write down or discuss your top “take-away” from the book of 2 Thessalonians. How did God impact your life through the study of this book? What new things did you learn about this book? What new principles are you going to put into practice in your life because of studying this book?

Look at the beginning and ending of 1 Thessalonians (1:1; 5:28) and 2 Thessalonians (1:1-2; 3:18). Why does Paul bookend these letters with statements about grace? Why is grace such an important part of the Christian life? How is grace essential to our Christian faith? How is it different from every other religion in the world? How do we live our lives by grace?

Read 2 Thessalonians 3:14-15. Paul gives a difficult command in these verses. Are you comfortable following a command like this? If not, why not? What would people outside the church in our day say about a command like this? Do you think these verses might relate to the issue of idleness in Thessalonica (3:6-12)? What other sins might need to be confronted in Thessalonica?

GET PERSONAL

Paul offers some encouragement at the end of his letter: “Do not grow weary in doing good” (3:13). How might the church grow weary in doing good? What are some good things that Christians do, that they could grow weary doing? What “good thing” do you need to be encouraged to keep doing right now (e.g. evangelism, prayer, loving people, pursuing holiness)?

Paul prays in verse 16 that the Lord of peace himself give peace to the church. Who is the Lord of peace? How does the Lord of peace give peace? What is the biblical understanding of peace and how does it differ from the world? If we have already received peace through Jesus Christ as believers (see Rom 5:1), then why does Paul pray for the church to receive peace?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Verses 14-15 should be seen as part of the NT’s instruction on church discipline (Matt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 15:1-13; 2 Cor 2:6-8). When is church discipline appropriate in the church? What is the goal of church discipline? Paul tells the church to take note of disobedient people and avoid them, so that they may be ashamed. Why would Paul want them to be ashamed? Isn’t shame a bad thing? Can shame sometimes lead to a good result? If so, how? Have you ever confronted someone about an issue of sin in their life? If so, how’d it go? Do you need to confront someone right now?