

Grace Bible Chapel
Sunday, December 18, 2011
Message #10 in 2 Thessalonians
Prayer and Confidence, part 2
2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

- I. Introduction
- II. Review
- III. Paul's prayer request – 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2
- IV. Paul's confidence in the Lord – 2 Thessalonians 3:3-5
 - A. The character of the Lord – faithful
 - B. The actions of the Lord – strengthen (firmly establish, support) and protect (guard)
 - 1. The meaning of strengthen – Luke 9:51; 16:26
 - 2. The participation in strengthen – Luke 22:32; Romans 16:25; James 5:8
 - 3. The meaning of protect – Luke 2:8
 - 4. The participation in protect – 1 Timothy 6:20; 2 Timothy 1:12, 14
 - C. Paul's persuasion concerning the Thessalonians
 - 1. Confidence in the Lord – Philippians 1:6; 2:12-13
 - 2. Do and will do
 - a. Paul – 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10; 1 Timothy 1:5
 - b. Jesus – Matthew 28:19-20; John 15:12-17
 - 3. Direct your hearts
 - a. Meaning – Psalm 37:23; 39:2; 119:5, 133
 - b. The love of God
 - c. The steadfastness of Christ – Romans 5:3-4; 8:25; 1 Thessalonians 1:3
- V. Conclusions
 - A. God and man – strengthen, protect, direct your heart
 - B. Matthew 7:21-27
 - C. Ephesians 2:1-10