

Comfort, Good Hope, and Guidance from God

2 Thess. 2:13 through chp. 3

Main Point

This passage at the end of Paul's second letter to the Thessalonian Christians, is deliberately designed by Paul to calm, comfort, and give good guidance. He has heard that references about the return of Christ in his first letter, has the Thessalonian Christians "shaken in mind and troubled".

Likewise, we are seeing anxiety in believers today over world conditions and the prospect of Christ's return. And like Paul in his day, we too felt led to share his same message of comfort, good hope, and guidance from God.

Paul's Prayer for the Thessalonian Christians

Paul first gives thanks to God they were chosen to salvation via the Spirit separating them unto God, and enabling them to believe the truth of the Gospel preached by Paul and his partners, so they may one day obtain the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Paul prays that the love, eternal peace, and good hope from Jesus and Father God, comfort and establish the Thessalonian Christians in every good word and work they do for the Lord.

Paul's Prayer Request of the Thessalonian Christians

In 2 Thess. 3:1-2, Paul requests prayer for his team of frontline evangelists. They are being hindered by the workings of Satan (2 Thess. 2:9) through "unreasonable and wicked men".

Paul's Guidance

1. Continue in the Apostles' guidance, 2 Thess. 3:4.
2. Withdraw from and admonish those who are idle and drifting, 3:6-15.
3. Remain diligent in guarding against vulnerability to indictments, 3:7-9.