

Ministry of Reconciliation (MOR) Bible Teachings



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Father, thank you for your love for us through your son the Lord Jesus Christ. Father, thank you for opening our eyes with the light of your Word. Father, thank you that your children will be strong in believing your Word and acting upon it. We will give glory unto you, being completely persuaded that what you have promised, you have performed. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

The key points from [April 2020](#) teaching. We reviewed 2 Thessalonians 2- verse by verse.

- This Word of God is addressed to the brethren, the faithful born-again believers.
- Paul, and Silas, and Timothy, loving implored the brethren, the born-again believers, to keep the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in their minds and hearts. They taught them about the immense joy of their future with Christ as they remained faithful.
- We are told to let no man, or anyone deceive us by any means for that day the return of Christ upon the earth shall not come, until after the departure of the born-again believers!
- Paul said to the Thessalonians believers that they should have a clear visual picture when the man of sin and the son of perdition (destruction) will be revealed.
- The will of God is not for anyone to perish.
- In numerous other verses in the Church's Epistles, we see that Paul thanked God always for the brethren, beloved of the Lord, because God has chosen us to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit (the new birth) and belief of the truth.
- When Christ returns, we will be with him in glory!
- Now who does the world need the most? The Lord Jesus Christ. Especially if we want everlasting life and good hope through grace!

In [September 2019](#), we started these expository teachings on Thessalonians, and are now finishing these chapters in May 2020. I have learned so much from these teachings. My heart is overflowing with joy! I can't put into words how I feel right now! These teaching have inspired me with more love for God and His son! As my eyes fill with tears of rejoicing, there is just no joy in life without God's Word in your heart, your walk, and your talk!

This month's teaching will be on 2 Thessalonians 3. With everything going on today in this world, these expository teachings on the Word of God will give us comfort, strength, endurance, and hope! I pray you feel the same way.

In 2 Thessalonians 3:1, Paul, Silas, and Timothy asked the brethren to pray for them:

*Finally, brethren, pray for us [Paul, Silas, and Timothy], that the word [logos] of the Lord [master] may have free course [this is the Greek word *trecho* which means to run], and be glorified [when predicated of Christ it means that his innate glory is made manifest and brought to light], even as it is with you.*

The word "brethren" is used 28 times in Thessalonians. The brethren are the born-again believers who glorified or revered, honored, and praised the Word of God! The Word of God is the prevailing word of the Book of Acts (Acts 19:20). It's the operation of all nine manifestations of the gift of holy spirit.

I ask you to pray for the body of Christ that the prevailing Word of our Lord Jesus Christ may have a free run and be glorified, revered, honored, and praised in each of us. Please pray that Christ in you, the hope of glory, is manifested and brought to light!

In 2 Thessalonians 3:1, Paul asked the brethren to surround Paul, Silas, and Timothy with pray so that they may be rescued from perverse, wicked men who willfully inflict pain. We know from the teachings throughout Thessalonians that all men did not have the faith of Jesus Christ!

Let's look at 2 Thessalonians 3:2:

*And that we [Paul, Silas, and Timothy] may be delivered [rescued] from unreasonable [perverse] and wicked [Greek word *poneeros* which means the evil one; the active worker out of evil; willfully inflicting pain] men: for all men have not faith [believing or faith of Jesus Christ].*

For the Lord (master) is faithful and will establish you from them who willfully inflict pain. We are taught that God will guard and protect us from the active workers of the evil one.

Continue with 2 Thessalonians 3:3:

But the Lord [master] is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil [the evil one; the active worker out of evil].

Paul had confidence in the Lord that the Thessalonian believers would faithfully practice the Word of God. 2 Thessalonians 3:4:

And we [Paul, Silas and Timothy] have confidence in the Lord touching you [the born-again believers], that ye both do and will do [faithful practice] the things which we command you.

Paul said in 1 Corinthians 14:37:

If any man thinks himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.

When the Lord Jesus Christ directs our hearts and we have the love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation, we have endurance in waiting for Christ. 2
Thessalonians 3:5:

And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God [we keep growing in God's Word], and into the patient [endurance] waiting for Christ.

The Lord will direct our hearts into the love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation when we faithfully practice His Word! When we increase our knowledge of God's Word, and faithfully practice His word in our day-by-day walk, we have the endurance to get through each day as we wait for Christ!

In 2 Thessalonians 3:6, Paul commands the brethren, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, to withdraw themselves from every brother that walks disorderly.

Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly [to leave or break the ranks - spoken of soldiers - out of one's place, be undisciplined, out of order] and not after the tradition which he received of [from beside] us.

The word "Lord" here means master. The name "Jesus" means the one who humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. The name "Christ" becomes the name of Jesus' changed position, as raised from the dead and exalted in glory. We are to withdraw ourselves from every born-again believer who refuses to obey the Word of God!

2 Thessalonians 3:7-10:

For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you;

Neither did we eat any man's bread for naught; but wrought with labor and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable [burdensome] to any of you:

*Not because we have not power [Greek work *exousia*, privilege], but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us.*

For even when we were with you, this we commanded [or charge you] you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

The phrase "*if any would not work, neither should he eat*" is a saying or proverb declaring a universal truth that if a person does not work, he should not eat. It focuses on the need to eat in order to live, and therefore, the need to work.

2 Thessalonians 3:11:

For we hear [someone told them] that there are some [certain ones] which walk among you disorderly working not at all, but are busybodies.

Paul, Silas, and Timothy were told by a believer that certain people were walking disorderly, not working, and being busybodies. The word “busybodies” is the Greek word *periergazomai* which means to take more pains than enough about a thing; hence, to waste one’s labor; to meddle or interfere with other folk’s affairs. 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 tells us:

And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you.

That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.

In 2 Thessalonians 3:12, the busybodies are commanded to stop or be quiet. They are told to work and eat their own bread.

Now them that are such [busybodies] we command [charge] and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness [peace with the word] they work and eat their own bread.

We, the brethren, are not to lose heart in well-doing. The god of this world does everything he can to get us to lose heart in God’s Word and in His household. If a believer refuses to obey the Word of God, we are to mark him or her and have no company with that person. 2 Thessalonians 3:13-14:

But ye, brethren [faithful believers], be not weary [lose heart] in well-doing.

And [then] if any man obeys [submit] not our word [logos] by this epistle, note [mark] that man [or sister], and have no company with him [or her], that he [or she] may be ashamed [for being a busybody].

The busybodies hurt themselves by not adhering to the Word of God! We are to avoid them and not get caught up with their disobedience. 2 Thessalonians 3:15:

Yet count him [or her] not as an enemy but admonish [confront or warn] him [or her] as a brother [or sister].

When we first mark and avoid, we are not to count them as an enemy. We are told to confront them as a brother or sister, in hope that they will get back on God’s Word! 2 Thessalonians 3:16-18:

Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace [the truths documented in 1 Thessalonians 1 through 2 Thessalonians 3:16] always by all means. The Lord be with you all [the faithful brethren].

The salutation of Paul with mine own hand, which is the token in every epistle:

so, I write.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

While this is a short chapter, there are several key points.

- We are to pray for the body of Christ that the prevailing word of our Lord Jesus Christ may have a free run and be glorified, revere, honor, and praise in each of us and in our areas. We are to pray that Christ in you the hope of glory is manifested and brought to light!
- Paul asked the brethren to surround them with prayer that they may be rescued from perverse, wicked people who willfully inflict pain. Paul reminded them that these people do not have the faith of Jesus Christ!
- The Lord is faithful and will guard and protect us from the active workers of the evil one.
- When the Lord Jesus Christ directs our hearts and we have the love of God in the renewed mind in manifestation, we have endurance in our waiting for Christ.
- We are to withdraw ourselves from every born-again believer who refuses to obey the Word of God. We are to confront those not adhering to God's Word, in the hope that they will get back on God's Word!
- We all need to eat in order to live, therefore, we all need to work.
- We are to do our own business and not lose heart in well-doing.

Father, I thank you for your Word having a free run in our lives and that your Word will be glorified in us as we revere, honor, and praise you in our day-to-day walk. We praise you with our whole heart. We sing praises unto you. We will worship you in spirit and in truth, for your lovingkindness and for the truth of your Word. You have magnified your Word above all your name. Father, your Word is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our Father, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. Father, you have chosen us in you before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before you in love. Now, may our Father, the God of hope, fill you with all joy and peace in believing that you may abound in hope, through the power of the holy spirit. In the name of the Lord Christ Jesus, Amen.

Next month's teaching will be on Spiritual Growth.

In the Lord,

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