**Paul’s Confidence in God 2 Thess. 3:1-5**

1. **The believer has a confident rest in God’s word! V1**

Paul asked the brethren to pray for God’s Word to go forth! “pray for us”

* Prayer is a big part of God’s people living the gospel and sharing the gospel before others. “that the word of the Lord may have free course/spread rapidly in Amplified/ Speed ahead

**The church at Thessalonica knew that God’s word creates faith in us and that God’s word preached and taught brings glory to God!**

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* **The body of believers is called on by God to pray for God’s word to grow!**
* **2 Peter 3:18 “grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior”**

**Let’s remind ourselves of the power of God’s word to sinful man:**

1. **God coverts the soul when faith is put in God’s Word! Romans 10:6-10, 17**

* **The Believers at Thessalonica heard God’s Word from Paul and obeyed it as obeying God and not man!**
* 1 Thess. 2:13  For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

**The Church today needs to preach the WORD so God can change lives!**

* Paul told young Timothy. New pastor to the church of Ephesus!
* 2 Tim\_4:2  Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.
* Don’t stop believing in the power of God’s words!
* Don’t turn off the water facet of God’s Word… leaving the water running!

**What can happen in a church when God’s word is preached and obeyed?**

* The Church at Thessalonica was producing crazy Faith that worked for the Lord!
* Ref. 1 Thess. 1:2-3 “labor of faith” “labor of love” “patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ”
* Love for the Lord Jesus and His promises is what created obedience to Jesus commands!
* 2 John\_1:6  And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

**How is God speaking to His People now?**

* Heb. 1:1  God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,
* Heb. 1:2  Hath in these last days spoken unto us **by His Son**, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

**How was God saving His people from their sins in the Old Testament?**

* *In Isaiah 55: 1-3, 6-7 - God’s Salvation and Merciful words of Grace was given to the prophet Isaiah to tell the those that wanted God’s pardon to forsake sin and seek the Lord!*

1. **The believer has a confident rest in God’s deliverance. V2-3**

**The Church has a promise that we all should rejoice in!**

* Matthew\_16:18  And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
* No War is too big for God! God wins!
* No bomb to strong for God! God created the Big bang with His word!
* No man to powerful! God created the soul!

**The Child of God needs to have a faith in God like job!**

* Job\_19:25  For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:
* **Jesus is coming again with Power and Gory!**
* God’s judgement will come to the earth and they be ready in Christ!
* Rev 6:16  And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:
* Rev 6:17  For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

1. **The believer has a confident rest in God’s leading. V4-5**

* Proverbs 3:5-6