

Chapter 3:1-5 Commands in Light of Christ's Return, Cont.

Review: 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

Today: **Vs 3:1-5** are Paul's reaffirmation. Vs 4. "And we have confidence in the Lord touching you..." Paul was **confident** in his disciples. Why?

While God's people KNOW they are waiting for Christ's coming, they engage for His glory! How?

1. They _____! Because the Word must be _____. Vs 1-2

- Pray for workers to be _____ in their call. **Vs 1.**

So: pray for _____ for the Word of God. **Ephesians 6:18-20**

Pray for free course for the Word. Not for it's use as a battering ram.

Principle: if people aren't listening, you aren't getting anything done by talking AT them.

- Pray that the _____ of God will do the _____ God intends. **Psalm 147:15**
Nothing works better or faster than God's Word. **2 Timothy 2:9; Isaiah 55:10-11**

If God made and sustains His creation by HIS WORD! So It's enough for ministry. **1 Thes 1:5; 2:13**

KEY: We need to get _____ that God's Word is _____ for everything we face for God. **Psalm 19:7-11**

- Pray for deliverance from faithless, reasonless, wicked men. **Vs 2.** Compare **Romans 15:30-31**

Not all men have faith. That can result in them being...

- Unreasonable. They don't _____ right, so they cannot _____ right.

- Wicked. They don't _____ right so they _____ right. **Isaiah 5:20**

- KEY: God's Word and Workers are always at _____ for _____. **2 Peter 2:9**

2. They _____! Because attacks are _____. Vs 3

- Evil can come upon you, but cannot _____ you, or _____ you. Why?

Believers _____ to Jesus. **2 Timothy 1:12; Jude 1:24-25; Philippians 1:6; 2 Timothy 4:18**

- Don't you sign up for evil though! **1 Peter 3:8-12** Pray! **Matthew 6:13; Ephesians 5:7-12**

3. They _____! Because God's Word is _____. Vs 4

- Do what you are told.
- Believers get under submission and serious about their God given mission.
John 14:15; 1 John 2:3; 3:18-19

"What if an army were run with the same lack of obedience, order, and discipline that we often see in the local church? It would never win the war. If soldiers attended drill whenever they felt like it, they would never be equipped to face the enemy. If the recruits disobeyed their officers' orders the way some church members disobey the Word of God, they would be court-martialed."

- W. Wiersbe Bible Exposition Commentary (BE Series)

4. They _____! Because Jesus is _____. Vs 5

- Love is such a huge word that in the Greek it takes 4 words to encompass its capacity.
 - Phileo – the affection and regard between friends; friendship.
 - Eros – erotic, sexual love.
 - Storge – affectionate love describing family relationships.
 - Agape' - charity, unconditional love, benevolence; dear sacrificial love.

The word "direct" means to "fully straighten" aka – to keep your heart pointed straight.

- 2 aspects of "the love of God"
God wants your heart focused on His unconditional love for you. That keeps you _____ right.

He wants to keep your heart focused on unconditionally loving Him. That keeps you _____ right. **Jude 1:21; Deuteronomy 10:12**

- The patient waiting for Christ. That's what we're doing. We are waiting for what's next.
1 Thessalonians 5:23; Titus 2:12-13; 1 John 2:28

Are you ready?

Are you serving in light of that truth?

We need your help!