

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

WARNING THE IDLE & EXHORTING THE FAITHFUL 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18

Main Thought: In 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18, we discover a warning to the idle and exhortations for the faithful.

1. WARNING THE _____ (vv 6-15)
 - 1) The question of the _____ idle.
 - 2) _____ example and instructions.
 - (1) If you are capable, _____ the food you eat.
 - (2) Never tire of doing what is _____.
 - (3) If needed, speak the truth in _____.
2. EXHORTING THE _____ (vv 16-18)
 - 1) Seek the peace of _____ in every situation.
 - (1) _____ with God
 - (2) _____ peace
 - (3) Peace with _____
 - 2) Remember the _____ is with you.
 - (1) The experienced _____ of Christ is essential for our journey.
 - (2) Christ's presence should be _____ individually and corporately.
 - 3) Submit to the _____ of God as your authority.
 - 4) Saturate your life with the _____ of Christ.
 - (1) Both legalism and licentiousness are _____ of God's grace.
 - (2) God's grace should motivate us toward _____.
 - (3) God's grace should _____ thru us to others.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18 and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's truth to you as you read.

2. What do you learn about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) from this passage?

3. What do you learn about human beings/yourself from this passage?

4. What verse meant the most to you? Why?

5. What didn't you understand in the passage? What answers did you find for your questions?

6. What application(s) for your life do you take away from this passage?

Digging deeper:

7. What problem is Paul addressing in verse 6?

8. What example did Paul and his leaders provide while they were in Thessalonica? Why? (vv 7-9)

9. What do you think of Paul's rule, "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat"? Should that apply in our day? (v 10)

10. Why were the idle in Thessalonica a problem? What was Paul's command to them? (vv 11-12)

11. Why would Paul encourage the faithful believers in Thessalonica to "never tire in doing good"? Why might they be tired of doing good? (v 13)

12. What are faithful believers supposed to do when unfaithful believers refuse to change their sinful ways? (14-15)

13. In verses 16-18, Paul returns to some prominent themes in his letters to the Thessalonians. What are those themes? Why are those themes important for believers to hold onto?