

Sunday, 04-30-2023

Hope Comes from God's Grace
Bible Background: 2 Thessalonians 2
Printed Text: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3, 9-17 KJV/NLT
Devotional Reading: Titus 3:1-7

Aim for Change:

- **EXPLORE** the purpose for which God has called us.
 1. How have I **EXPLORED** why God called me?
 - **TRUST** that God has a significant plan for our lives.
 2. How do I show **TRUST** in God about His plan for me?
 - **PRAY** for a clear understanding of God's assignment.
 3. When I **PRAY**, is it for understanding or giving God a wish list?
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Devotional Reading: Friday: The Hope of Eternal Life – Titus 3:1-7; Romans 5:1-5; 1 Timothy 2:1-6; 2 Timothy 1:7-10

- How am I receiving God's gift? What am I doing with the gift that He gave me? Am I using it to do excellent work(s) for the Lord?
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Focal Verses – Eternal Comfort and Good Hope – 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3, 9-17

1. **Those Not Left Behind (2 Thessalonians 2:1-3) – Mark 13:32-36; 1 Timothy 4:1-5; Revelation 13**
 - Am I strong enough in the word of God to weather a storm? Can I tell the difference between ear candy and when the Holy Ghost is speaking? Am I rebelling against what doesn't sound good according to my flesh?
 2. **Those Fooled by the Man of Sin (vv. 9-12) – Deuteronomy 13:1-5; Mark 13:21-31; 1 Timothy 1:3-11**
 - How can I tell what's from God and what isn't? Do I know God's word enough to identify deceit? Am I deliberately ignoring the truth for lack of conviction? Are my sins worth eternal damnation?
 3. **Loved, Chosen, and Called (vv. 13-14) – Ephesians 1:3-7; 1 Thessalonians 5:8-11**
 - How am I accepting God's choice in calling me? Do I think I'm all that in Jesus? Am I giving thanks to the faithful? How should I be indebted to God for other believers? Is God getting the glory by my actions? How is God doing His work in me? How has my salvation brought God glory, honor, praise, worship, etc.?
 4. **Standing Firm in the Faith (vv. 15-17) – John 3:16-21; 1 Corinthians 16:12-18**
 - Am I cross-referencing scripture to get the full context of its meaning? Is deception causing me to be idle in the Lord, but not for everything else? Am I holding onto God's teachings wholeheartedly? How am I blocking God from comforting me through His word? Is His comfort reflective in my word(s)/work(s)? Do I feel/trust in Jesus' protection even in times of difficulties? How am I acknowledging God for all that He has done for me? What am I doing with the gift of God's grace? Is my heart centered or off balance?
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Daily Readings:

- **Monday: An Appointed Time – Psalm 75**
 - Am I too impatient to wait for the Lord? Do I receive what I dish out?
- **Tuesday: The Day Is Coming – Malachi 4**
 - How well am I trusting in God? Am I giving Him my best?
- **Wednesday: No Good Thing Withheld – Psalm 84**
 - Where can I go to feel more of God's presence? How am I blocking God?
- **Thursday: My Help Comes from the Lord – Psalm 121**
 - Am I lifting my head towards God or putting it down in shame?
- **Saturday: Keep Sound and Blameless – 1 Thessalonians 5:23-28**
 - How do I avoid tempting situations? Is God involved in every aspect of my life? Am I allowing outside influences to deter me in my relationship with Jesus?

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