



The Lord of Peace and Grace
28th in the “Thessalonians” Series
2 Thessalonians 3:14-18
October 5, 2025
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Introduction: In this text, God teaches us the importance of obedience and then offers us a prayer of blessing.

1) It is imperative that Christians listen to the Word of God and obey its instructions (vv. 14-15).

There are three good reasons why Christians obey the Word of God:

(1) The Way of Wisdom

(2) The Way of Trust

(3) The Way of Gratitude

There are two bad reasons why Christians obey the Word of God:

(1) The Way of Merit

(2) The Way of Fear

2) Paul ends his letter with two blessings for Christians – the peace and grace of the Lord (vv. 16-18).

Blessing 1 (v. 16): May the Lord give peace to you in every circumstance.

Phil 4:4-7: ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Blessing 2 (v. 18): May the Lord give grace to every one of you.

Response

Commit yourselves to the instructions of the Lord of Peace and Grace.

Sunday Text Questions

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Read the text aloud and discuss any significant observations or issues needing clarification.

- 1) What have been the most helpful and most challenging parts of our sermon series through the two letters of Thessalonians?
- 2) What does it look like to obey the instructions given to us in the Word of God (v. 14)? What motivates you to obey the Lord's commands in your life?
- 3) If your Christian friend is disobeying the clear commands of Scripture, how do you "not regard them as an enemy" and yet "not associate with them" and "warn them" about their sin (vv. 14-15)?
- 4) Paul's prayer of blessing in v. 16 teaches us that "the Lord of peace himself" will "give you peace at all times and in every way." What does this gift of peace look like in a Christian's life, especially when suffering and difficulty exist?
- 5) How has working through a biblical book (or expository preaching) during corporate worship on Sunday mornings ministered to you and helped you hear "the whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:27)?
- 6) In what other ways, if any, did this passage speak into your life to teach, rebuke, correct, or train you in righteousness (cf. 2 Timothy 3:16)?

Further study this week: Passages related to the message of this week's text: John 14:14 (Mon); Luke 6:46-49 (Tues); James 1:22-25 (Wed); 1 John 5:3 (Thurs); 1 Peter 1:14-16 (Fri).