

A church committed to the gospel

2 Thessalonians 3:1-5, p. 959

- I. PAUL REQUESTED PRAYER FOR EFFECTIVENESS AS HE DECLARED THE GOSPEL (2 THESSALONIANS 3:1-2).
 - A. Pray that the gospel spreads rapidly (3:1).
 - B. Pray that our spiritual enemies will not deter the gospel (3:2).
- II. PAUL ASSURED THE CHURCH GOD FAITHFULLY ANSWERS GOSPEL PRAYERS (2 THESSALONIANS 3:3).
 - A. God will faithfully support the church in its mission (3:3a).
 - B. God will faithfully protect the church from Satan's effort (3:3b).
- III. PAUL ENCOURAGED THE CHURCH BY EXPRESSING CONFIDENCE IN THEM (2 THESSALONIANS 3:4-5).
 - A. Their ministry: Paul expressed confidence in Christ that they would keep doing what Paul told them (3:4).
 - B. Their motives: Paul was praying they would be motivated by God's love and Christ's endurance (3:5).