

Series: Praying Through the Summer with The Apostle Paul

Praying for... For Greater  
Direction

II Thessalonians 2:13-3:5

# DIRECTION – A Perspective on the Future

**Rapture** – The Day of the Lord not for Church (2:1-2)

**Rebellion** – The Anti-Christ not revealed yet (2:3-4)

**Revelation** – The future according to God's plan (2:5-12)

**Return** – Jesus will be victorious in His return (2:8)



## II Thessalonians 2:13-15

But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

# DIRECTION – A Perspective on the Past

God Chose us before the foundations of the earth (2:13a)

Our Salvation was the work of God (2:13b; Eph. 1:3-14)

Our Faith is built on truth not fiction/fable/fancy (2:13c)

We have become part of God's eternal plan (2:13d)



## II Thessalonians 3:1–4

Finally, brothers, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you. And pray that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men, for not everyone has faith. But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one. We have confidence in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we command.

# DIRECTION – A Perspective on the Present

We are a part of God's Plan to reach the world (3:1)

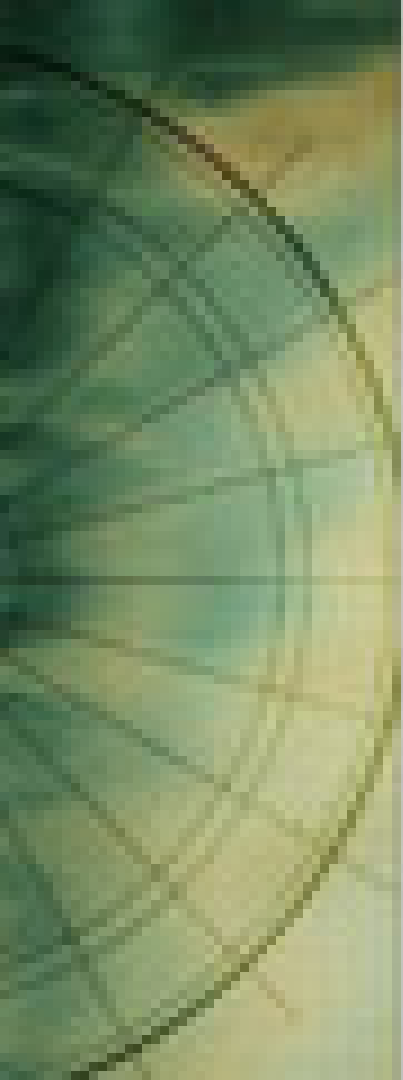
Praying for our leaders is important and necessary (3:2)

Our confidence must ultimately rest in God not men (3:3-4)

Pray! Pray! Pray!

IN any study of the principles, and procedure of prayer, of its activities and enterprises, first place, must, of necessity, be given to faith. It is the initial quality in the heart of any man who essays to talk to the Unseen. He must, out of sheer helplessness, stretch forth hands of faith. He *must* believe, where he cannot prove. In the ultimate issue, prayer is simply faith, claiming its natural yet marvellous prerogatives -- faith taking possession of its illimitable inheritance. True godliness is just as true, steady, and persevering in the realm of faith as it is in the province of prayer. Moreover: when faith ceases to pray, it ceases to live.

The Necessity of Prayer, E.M. Bounds



*May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed. (2:16-17)*

*May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance. (3:5)*

*Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you. (3:16)*