



SERMON NOTES

December 13, 2020

Scripture: II Thessalonians 3:16-18 (NAS)

“God’s Peace Given To Us”

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- 16 Now may the Lord of peace Himself continually grant you peace in every circumstance. The Lord be with you all!
- 17 I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand, and this is a distinguishing mark in every letter; this is the way I write.
- 18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

I. CONCLUDING WORDS OF THIS LETTER

- A. Prayer *vs. 16*
- B. Personal Identifier *vs. 17*
- C. Benediction

II. PAUL ACKNOWLEDGES THE SPIRIT USES HIM TO WRITE THIS LETTER

- A. Original Copy Was On Papyrus
- B. Sometimes Paul Used A Scribe To Place The Words In Print
- C. He Writes The Closing In His Own Hand
 - 1. To authenticate
 - 2. To personalize

III. PAUL’S PRAYER

- A. There Were Threats To Steal Away Their Peace
 - 1. From within the church and church discipline
 - 2. Persecution from without

B. Peace Offered

- 1. Moses – *Numbers 6:24-26*
- 2. Jesus – *John 14:27*
- 3. Paul – *Romans 15:33*

C. God’s Peace

- 1. Integral to his nature *Galatian 5:22-23; John 4:34; 10:30*
- 2. It is not the peace we sometimes seek
- 3. Jesus came bearing that peace
 - a. He is the prince of peace *Isaiah 9:6*
 - b. Jesus was at peace with God’s eternal plan *Ephesians 1:3-8*
- 4. Fellowship with the Savior calls us to peace
 - a. Justification and reconciliation
 - b. We are given the peace of God *Philippians 4:7*
 - c. God places a guard on our hearts *Philippians 4:8; Isaiah 26:3*

IV. BENEDICTION CLOSES WITH A CALL FOR GRACE

- A. G-R-A-C-E As An Acrostic
- B. Grace Which Gives Us Peace