

2 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 3

LESSON 9

Text: verses 1-2

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1. GLORIFICATION OF THE WORD OF THE LORD

“Glorification defined:” The visible, evident, manifest, shining forth of the Lord’s power, virtue, and majesty.

The glorification of Jesus Christ on the mount of Transfiguration: Matthew 17:1-5
Luke 9:28-35

The Lord’s prayer to be glorified again as He was before: John 17:5

John describes the glorified Jesus Christ: Revelation 1:12-17

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- 1:10-12**
1. Believers will admire the Lord when He comes.
 2. The Lord will be glorified in His saints (believers of all ages). The Lord’s glory is not evidently seen in His saints today. But when He returns, it will be openly manifest in every saint.
 3. Since the world will one day see clearly that we’re a child of the Lord, we ought to live like it today. This involves more than just head knowledge (Bible facts). It requires a heart to love Him, to know Him, and to live for Him.
- 2:13-14**
- The ultimate objective of God choosing to save those that believe, is not to forgive you, take care of your sins, give you everlasting life in heaven, and take away all fear of death and Hell. No, the main reason God saved you was to make you like His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Understanding this fact will give you a desire to live right today.
- 3:1**
- As Great as Jesus Christ is (Philippians 2:10-11), the Bible says that the Word of God is to be magnified above the very names of God (Psalm 138:2).
- You can’t honestly claim to love Jesus while you refuse to heed His word. Talk is cheap. Saying “I love Jesus” isn’t enough. If you love Him, you’ll keep His commandments (Jn. 14:15, 21, 23). God wants His Word to be glorified in you.
- The Word of God is the final authority. Even if Jesus Christ wanted to let a lost man into Heaven out of mercy, the written Word of God would not allow it. The books will be opened in Heaven to judge man (Rev. 20:12, 15, John 12:48). Whatever it says is final!
- We are instructed to pray that God’s Word will be given free course and be glorified (shine, glow, and be noticed with amazement).
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2. HOW TO DEAL WITH UNREASONABLE AND WICKED PEOPLE (2 Thessalonians 3:2)

Wicked men: Pray that you won't have to suffer at the hands of wicked men as you serve Jesus.

Pray that wicked men won't hinder you or interfere with your attempts to preach the gospel, win people to the Lord, build churches, etc.

Unreasonable men: These are found INSIDE the church.

Acts 2:41, 46, 47 The church is growing, people are getting saved & baptized by the thousands.

Acts 4:31-33 People were assembling in true Christian unity, speaking the word of God with boldness, and witnessing to the lost.

Acts 5:14 Multitudes of believers were added to the church.

Acts 6:1 In "**those days**" (those wonderful days when the church was growing so quickly)—petty, trivial problems arose among some of the Christians that would have interfered with the important work of the ministry.

After this incident, there are no more reports in Acts about the church being unified in such a wonderful way.

Acts 6:2-4 According to the Bible, it is UNREASONABLE to expect the church leadership to waste time trying to satisfy Christians who are unhappy about something in the church.

These unreasonable people will steal your precious time away from evangelism, missionary work, prayer, witnessing, discipleship, etc.

The apostles recognized the need to separate "business" (vs. 3) from the essential work of prayer and the word of God. The church needs to do church work, not social work and charity business. There are already businesses that do that professionally.

Don't decide what the church should do based on your previous church experience or by your preference. See what the Bible says about it and do it that way. Don't choose to ignore the Bible. The Bible is the final authority.