

Resolved to Pray Biblically

Proclamation Life Groups; Week of Sunday, January 30, 2022; 2 Thessalonians 3:1-3

Sermon Theme – Communicating with God is an incredible privilege that we’ve been granted in Christ. Praying biblically highlights our reverence, dependence, and understanding of God’s Word and will. Therefore, let us be a people who are resolved to pray biblically.

I. Prayer Requested – Read 2 Thessalonians 3:1-3

- A. How would you define prayer and what are the components of prayer? Why do you think we should pray and how does Jesus’ example of prayer encourage you to pray?
- B. In Acts 12:1-17, Peter escapes prison as a result of earnest prayer. How is this passage and James 5:16b-18 helpful in seeing prayer as a means God ordained to bring about His will?
- C. How can you pray more biblically by rightly addressing the proper person in the Trinity?

II. Prayer for the Message – Read 2 Thessalonians 3:1-3

- A. How can you be more intentional to pray that the message would speed ahead? Are there areas of New England where the Word is not spreading rapidly because no one is preaching the gospel? Let’s pray for beautiful feet to be sent to those areas to plant churches!
- B. Where would you like to see missionaries preaching the gospel so God’s Word would be honored in that place? In what ways could you pray regularly for that to take place?
- C. What are strategic ways in which the gospel can be spreading rapidly to people in your life? How would you like to see the Word honored in greater ways in your community?

III. Prayer for the Messenger – Read 2 Thessalonians 3:1-3

- A. How are the examples of deliverance in Scripture (Acts 4:1-31, Acts 5:17-42, 2 Cor. 1:8-11) an encouragement to you? How are examples of not being immediately delivered challenging to you (Matthew 14:1-12, Acts 12:1-3, and Revelation 13:5-10).
- B. How does the concept of “endurance” inform how we experience affliction? What do you think is the biblical way to interpret these afflictions? See Revelation 13:10 and James 1:2-3?
- C. Why do you think Paul asked for deliverance from wicked and evil people?
- D. Why will we ultimately be delivered from evil? How does 1 Thessalonians 3:2-3 inform us about afflictions and God’s means of deliverance? How does John 6:39 and Jesus’ prayer for you in John 17:20-26 encourage you as you seek to live boldly for Him and the gospel?