

Peace, the Lord's Presence, and Grace

2 Thessalonians 3:16-18

(series #17)

Intro: the difficulties being faced by the Thessalonians

- they were enduring persecution (chapter 1)

- they were greatly disturbed by assertion they were in the Day of the LORD (chapter 2)

- they were burdened by lazy Christians (chapter 3)

I. The Prayer-wish for Peace v. 16

A. Isaiah 26:3

B. Philippians 4:6-7

1. "Be anxious for nothing"

2. "With thanksgiving"

C. "The Lord be with be with you all" v. 16b

1. Matthew 28:20

2. Hebrews 13:5

II. The Salutation by Paul v. 17

A. Romans 16:22

B. 2 Thessalonians 2:2

III. The Need for Grace v. 18

Concluding application - Have we changed in this series?