

II Thessalonians 06 - (3:6-18)

Keeping the Peace Through Withdrawal

1. 3:6-7 – Withdraw from Disorder

- a. “we command you” – 1 Cor 14:37, 1Ths 4:2, 2Ths 3:4, 1Tim 4:11
- b. “in the name” – Paul has authority as the apostle of Jesus – Gal 1:1
- c. “withdraw” – This is hard!
 - i. Disorder *def.* ~ lawless, contrary to rules, irregular, without method
 - ii. There are unruly types disrespecting authority - 1 Thess 5:12-13
 - iii. The tradition that they received → 1 Thess 2:9, 4:11-12

2. 3:8-13 – No Free Lunch

- a. “labour and travail” – they worked with their hands –Acts 20:34, 1Cor 4:12
- b. Paul’s reasons to pay up - 1 Cor 9:5-14
- c. Yet, he did not “abuse this power” – 1 Cor 9:15, 18
- d. Why? To prevent offense - 1 Cor 9:1-7, 2Cor 11:7
 - i. To boast, to teach –1 Cor 9:1, 2 Thess 3:9
 - ii. For the gospel’s sake - 1 Cor 9:18-19, 22-23
- e. The lesson is to follow Paul in labour – 1 Thess 4:11-12
- f. No work = no food → dispensationally different than Mat 6:26-34
- g. Paul marks the troublemakers (Rom 16:17)
- h. Busybodies come from idle hands → 1 Tim5:13, Eph 4:27-28
 - i. There was contention rising – 1 Thess 5:13, Titus 2:3
 - ii. They are told to be quiet (not tattling) – 2 Thess 3:12
 - iii. And work in honesty! – Eph 4:28, Col 4:5

3. 3:14-15 – Doctrine of Separation

- a. “cause divisions” – Gal 2:4, 5:12, Phil 3:2, Col 2:8, 1 Cor 1:10-13, 3:3
- b. “from such withdraw yourself” - 1 Tim 6:3-5, 2 Tim 3:5
- c. “note that man” – Paul marks them – Rom 16:17, Phil 4:8, 1 Tim 1:20
- d. The purpose of avoiding “behavioral” → 1 Cor 5:1,5 & 2 Cor 2:6
 - i. “that he may be ashamed” – 2 Th 3:14
 - ii. “admonish as a brother” - The procedure is NOT - Mat 18:15-20
- e. The purpose of avoiding “doctrinal” – Titus 3:10-11,
 - i. So your faith is not undermined - 1 Tim 1:19-20, 2 Tim 2:16-18

4. 3:16-18 – Salutation With His Own Hand

- a. The Lord of peace – “you are not going through judgment – 2 Thess 2:16
- b. “The Lord be with you all” – 1 Cor 3:16, this is a truth, not a wish
- c. “token in every epistle” – There is no Paul in Hebrews