

1. Finally, brethren, pray for us. 2Thess. 3:1
  1. Paul often left Christians praying for him. ~~MMMM~~  
Romans 15:30; 2 Cor. 1:11; Eph. 6:18,19; Col.4:3
2. He asked their prayers not especially for himself, but rather that he might be freed from all hindrances in preaching the gospel. Notice his request for prayer:
  1. That the word of the Lord might have free course.
    1. That the gospel might not meet with obstruction...but that it might spread rapidly.
  2. That the gospel might be glorified.
    1. Paul was anxious that the gospel of Christ not go limping and halting, picking its steps, but that it might over-leap all barriers, prejudice and hatred.
  3. Even as it<sup>is</sup> with you. How ~~was~~ it with them?
    1. They had received the gospel as the word of God and had obeyed it.
    2. It was glorified by the manifest influence that it had on their conduct.
    3. It was glorified by the manifest "work of faith" (operative faith) on their part.
    4. It was manifest by the "labor of love" that moved them in every good work.
    5. It was manifest by their "patience of hope" in the Lord Jesus Christ.
      - (a) Their patience gave them fortitude in suffering, endurance in toil and labor as they hoped for future blessings in Christ.
- 1 Thess. 1:2; 10
  4. That we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men.
    1. What these dangers were may be indicated in Acts 18:9-17.
  5. For all men have not faith. TWO CLASSES:
    1. The Jews who boasted of their true faith in God
    2. Those who acknowledged the gospel but would not receive it.
    3. A destitution of faith in some who had received it. They profess obedience to Christ but render him no service whatsoever.

