

## “The Sign Of Genuineness”

2 Thessalonians 3: 1 - 18

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### III We must pay much closer attention to living with self discipline under God’s word, (2 Ths. 1: 1-3: 18)

God Has Called His People To Trust In The Teachings Handed Down By His Messengers, (vs. 16 - 18)

**Message Emphasis:** The believer is called, by the work of the Gospel, to labor for the kingdom of Christ. Many in our world today simply do not understand that real peace can only come from a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We must understand that the peace of Christ is the mark of genuineness that every believer of the Gospel possesses.

#### 1) Peace Can Only Be Truly Granted As A Gift From The Lord Jesus, (vs. 16)

*Many try to redefine peace; either you have it or you don't*

- True peace ONLY has one source *How has Christ brought you peace? What does it say if you don't have peace?*  
**Now may the Lord of peace himself give (Aor.Act.Opt) you peace**
- True peace affects everything *If faith changes everything, why would Christ's peace not be in everything?*  
**at all times in every way.** “The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.” (Numbers 6:24-26, ESV)
- True peace is the fruit of Christ in you *Peace is not always peaceful*  
**The Lord be with you all.** “so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith – that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” (Ephesians 3:17-21, ESV)

#### 2) The Peace That Jesus Grants Is The Sign Of Genuineness For Every Believer, (vs. 17 -18)

- There is a visible mark of Christ in every believer *Do you have the mark?*  
**I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. This is (Pres.Act.Ind) the sign of genuineness in every letter of mine; it is the way I write (Pres.Act.Ind).**
- The visible mark of Christ is much more than “coping” *Do you have the peace that transcends understanding?*  
**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.** “And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me – practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.” (Philippians 4:7-9, ESV)

#### \*\*\*What Must I Do To Be Assured Of Faith? \*\*\*

**Message Directive:** Look to Christ for the salvation of your soul; ONLY in Christ will you find lasting peace.

