

After listening to the recording of Class #9 of our continuing study of Second Thessalonians, use the following questions to further your study and find application within our own lives. Read the Scriptures first, then consider the questions that follow.

Second Thessalonians Class #9

#1. Read 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

- A. Do the benefits of being faithfully humble to Lord Jesus far outweigh the alternative?
- B. What are the actions of God (the Son & the Father) that best illustrate to you the enormity of God's personal love for you?
- C. What has God already given the faithful saints? How long will they last?
- D. How would you explain to another believer the "eternal comfort" that's been given?
- E. Why does Good Hope only come by Grace? Why is it not an earned entity?
- F. What two ways will Jesus personally work within the hearts of those who are faithful to love the truth?
- G. Why are comfort & strength so vitally needed within the spiritual heart?
- H. How do these qualities in verses 16 & 17 aid the sanctification process?
- I. How would you describe the outcome of a heart that is being spiritually refined?
- J. When Jesus is working within the heart to comfort & strengthen, what is the only kinds of fruit that will be borne?
- K. Did you realize that Jesus personally works within the spiritual hearts of those who submit to Him as Lord & respond out of faith to the truth?
- L. How would you describe the comfort in knowing Jesus personally works within saints?

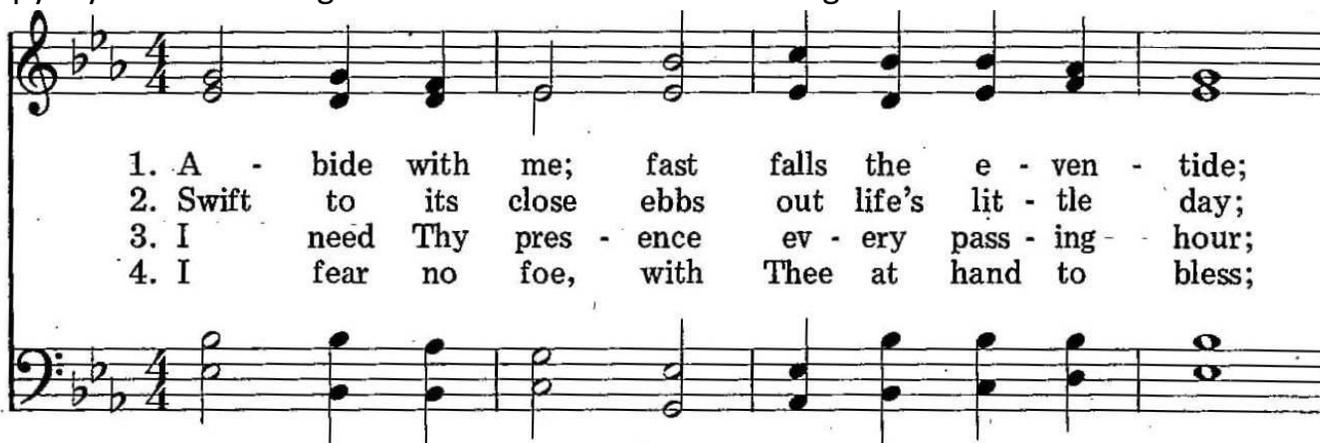
#2. Read Romans 5:1-5

- A. Can we be justified and have peace with God apart from faith in Lord Jesus? VITAL?!
- B. What does faith in Jesus introduce you to? What is the outcome of standing in grace?
- C. Will spiritual growth be the outcome of faith, grace, & hope in Lord Jesus?
- D. Notice the sanctification process in verses 3-5. Why does hope not disappoint?
- E. Who & what is described at work within the spiritual heart throughout sanctification?

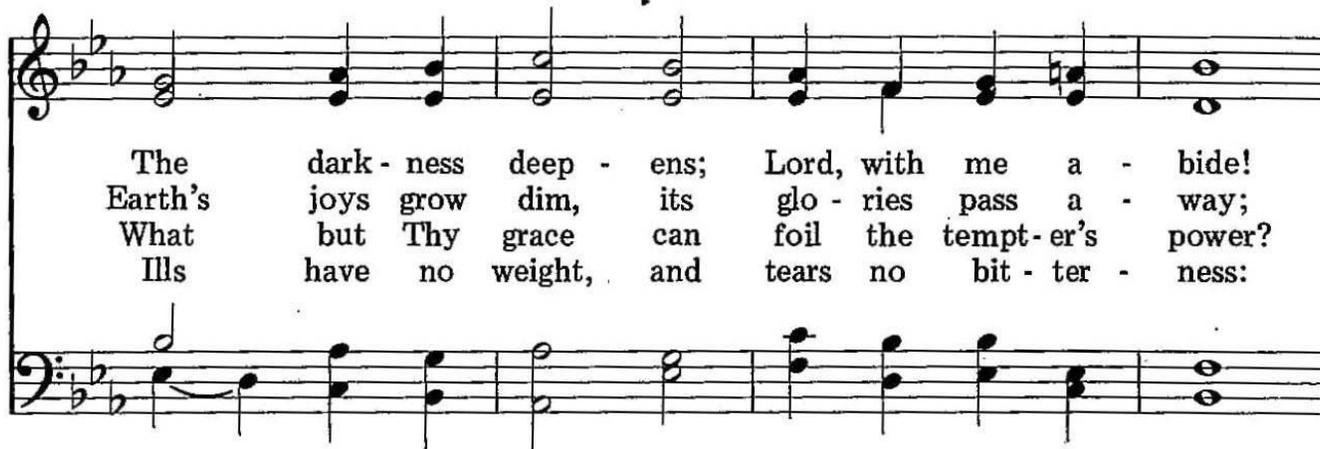
#3. Read Luke 8:4-15 [Do our hearts need refinement?]

- A. What does the seed represent in this parable? What do the soils represent?
- B. Without Jesus' explanation, would you have figured out the meaning on your own?
- C. So who do we need to guide our hearts into truth & true understanding?
- D. Compare v4-5 & v11-12; who can also be allowed to work within the heart?
- E. Compare v6 & 13; to overcome this soil, what needs our focus during temptation?
- F. Compare v7 & 14; what can worries, riches, & pleasures of this life choke out?
- G. Compare v8 & 15; how much does loving the word of God (the word of truth) affect?

A copy if you want to sing or think about the words we sing ...



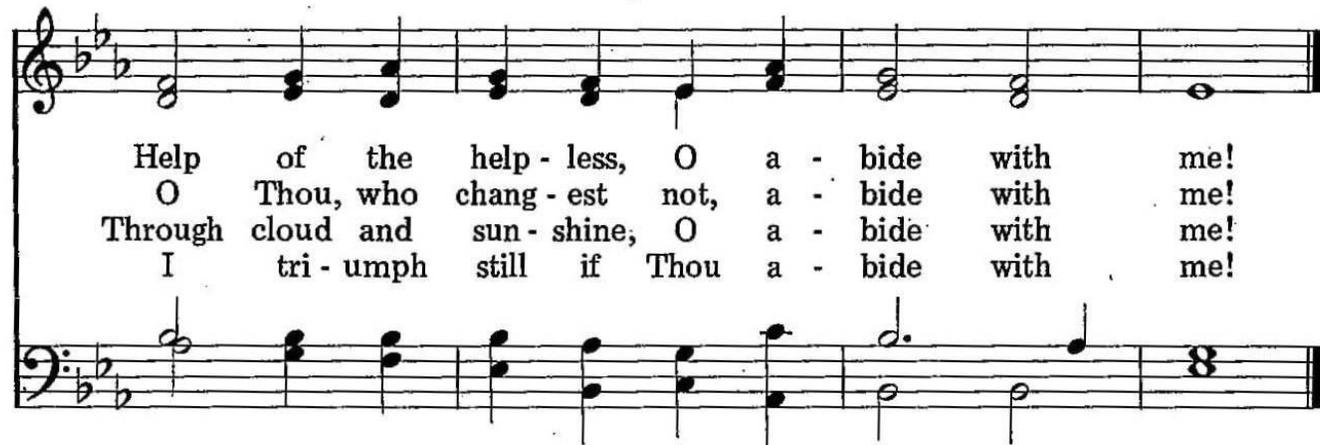
1. A - bide with me; fast falls the e - ven - tide;
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
3. I need Thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing - hour;
4. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide!
Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
Ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness:



When oth - er help - ers fail, and com - forts flee,
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me!
O Thou, who chang - est not, a - bide with me!
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me!
I tri - umph still if Thou a - bide with me!