

After listening to the recording of Class #13 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 #13

#1. Read 2 Thessalonians 3:16-18

- A. What is Paul wanting to emphasize that the Lord has full control over?
- B. Who establishes peace within our hearts & minds while we encounter difficulties?
- C. How would you describe spiritual peace?
- D. Is peace an aspect of the fruit of the Spirit? [Galatians 5:22]
- E. Who & what must we focus upon to have this spiritual peace continually granted?
- F. Are there any circumstances that hinder the faithful saint from having this peace?
- G. Why did the saints of Thessalonica need to fully grasp this teaching about peace?
- H. Why did Paul want to make sure they knew this was a genuine letter from His hand?
- I. What is Paul's distinguishing mark that he used to close nearly every letter/epistle?
- J. Why is grace so vital? What two principles is grace always tied to?

#2. Read Matthew 6:24-34 & //14:27-33

- A. Can man serve two masters? Why or Why not?
- B. Does Jesus intend for peace & worry to co-exist within us?
- C. How many times does Jesus tell the disciples not to worry in this passage?
- D. Then what moves our hearts & minds to worry?
- E. Does worry reign when we humble ourselves under the Lordship of Jesus to trust Him?
- F. What combats worry for the believer?
- //G. Who was Peter focused on to begin the passage? What was Jesus' instruction?
- H. What happened to Peter's little faith? Do we shrink back in difficulties too? Why?
- I. What do you suppose Jesus would say about us & our faith in rough waters?
- J. Who controls how long the "storms" (or difficulties) last in our lives?
- K. What are the "stormy waters" you have walked upon, because you trusted the Lord during trials to find the Lord of Peace Himself continually granting you peace?
(Yes; we can walk on "troubled waters" too, as we put our trust & faith in Jesus!)

#4. Read Philippians 4:4-9

- A. How should we respond when anxiety begins to loom?
- B. Is Rejoicing a natural response or a faithful response during difficulties?
- C. When we know the Lord is present, should it have a bearing on our spirit?
- D. What does the peace of God guard? Where does anxiety try to reside?
- E. How should we respond in order for the God of peace to be with us? Practice what?