

A LOOK INTO PAUL'S HEART II THESS 3:1-5

1. PRAY FOR US - v. 1,2

A) The message may spread \_\_\_\_\_

Don't get discouraged if it seems like it's crawling in people's lives – but keep praying that it will spread rapidly!!

B) The message will be \_\_\_\_\_

These phrases together basically mean “Pray for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the message”.

Isa. 55:11 - So shall my word be that goes forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void (empty), but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

C) That they will be delivered (rescued) from wicked and evil people (KJV – unreasonable and wicked)

1) wicked/unreasonable – it means to be out of \_\_\_\_\_, improper, harmful, perverse

2) evil– aggressively \_\_\_\_\_, causing pain and trouble, harassing them; morally diseased

2. GOD IS \_\_\_\_\_ v. 3 trustworthy, reliable, He keeps His Word!

A) He will strengthen you. He will keep you \_\_\_\_\_

B) He will \_\_\_\_\_ you.

\_\_\_\_\_ is watching over you! He is protecting you!

Isa. 52:12 - for the Lord will go before you, the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

Ps. 4:8: In peace I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

C) From evil – “the evil” – quite possibly referring to Satan himself.

3. WE HAVE CONFIDENCE - v. 4 - You are being obedient

4. MAY GOD \_\_\_\_\_ YOUR HEARTS – v. 5 - to make straight, to remove the hindrances

A) into God's \_\_\_\_\_ – agape – I Cor. 13 love

B) and Christ's perseverance

Heb. 12:1-4: Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, <sup>2</sup>fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. <sup>4</sup>In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

