

Paul's letters to the Thessalonians

2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:18

NSP School of Life and Doctrine

Spring Session 2010

Week 7

Review of 1:1-2:12...

Encouragement for the last days (1:1-12)

Signs of the last days (2:1-12)

Words for a seedling church (2:13-3:5)

But...thanks...

Hold to the traditions...

The faithful Lord...

Warnings for daily habits (3:6-15)

Troubled Idlers

Example to imitate



Small Group Discussion:

1. Why is Paul thankful for the Thessalonians (2:13ff)?
2. Why was being “firstfruits” unique for the Thessalonians? List some things that Paul writes in 2:13-15 that would have helped them to face this challenge.
3. Why is it good to “hold to the traditions”?
Specifically what are some ways that we do that at NSP?
Why are 20th/21st century Christians suspicious of “traditions”?
4. To what does Paul wish for the Lord to direct their hearts (3:5)? Why? To what else might a “seedling” church be inclined to direct its heart instead?
5. Those who were “walking in idleness” (3:6) were pursuing cheap grace. What do you think this means? In contrast, what is costly grace?
6. What are some things Paul probably wanted the Thessalonians to imitate from his example (not just his work ethic)?
7. Describe a Christian who was/is an example that you imitate. How is this helpful to you?