

So that...

Prayers For Abundant Life

2 Thessalonians 1:3-12 | January 29, 2023

PAUL'S PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

2 Thessalonians 1:3-4 *We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing. Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.*

PAUL'S PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL UNDERSTANDING

Acts 17:1-10 *As was his custom, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and proving that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead. "This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Messiah," he said. Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and quite a few prominent women. But other Jews were jealous; so they rounded up some bad characters from the marketplace, formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason's house in search of Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the crowd. But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other believers before the city officials, shouting: "These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here, and Jason has welcomed them into his house. They are all defying Caesar's decrees, saying that there is another king, one called Jesus." When they heard this, the crowd and the city officials were thrown into turmoil. Then they made Jason and the others post bond and let them go. As soon as it was night, the believers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea.*

Paul is excited about how their faith is _____ and their love is _____ – even amidst persecution.

PAUL'S PRAYER FOR GOD POWERED LIVING

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 *With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. We pray this SO THAT the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ*

1. Paul prays that God will make us _____ of his calling.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 *May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.*

2. Paul prays that God's _____ will make us fruitful in our living.

2 Thessalonians 2:13-15 *We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as first fruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.*

3. Paul prays that God's _____ will be evident in us.

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