

Message #2  
1 Thess. 2-3

# 1 Thessalonians

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*3:13 so that he may establish  
your hearts blameless in  
holiness before our God and  
Father, at the coming of our  
Lord Jesus with all his saints*

*Meeting the Lord*



Major Themes


1. Return of Christ (16 times!)
2. Suffering in Persecution
3. Methods & Motives for Ministry
4. Idleness in the Church
5. Sexuality—Sanctified or Otherwise...

# How should the Thessalonians prepare to Meet the Lord Jesus Christ?

1:1-3:13—The Thessalonians were prepared to meet the Lord Jesus Christ because they received the word. *(split into 2 messages)*

4:1-5:11—The Thessalonians should prepare to meet the Lord Jesus Christ by...

5:12-5:28—The Thessalonians should prepare to meet the Lord Jesus Christ by...



*2:13 ...that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us...*

2:1-3:13—The Thessalonians were prepared to meet the Lord Jesus Christ because they received the word *from true servant-leaders: Timothy, Silvanus, and Paul.*

What is the connection between leadership and the return of the Lord? **Matthew 23-25!!**



2:13 ...that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us...

# These servant-leaders had full hands. [2:1-16]

## Full of Courage (2:2)

For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not *empty handed*.

## Full of Good Motives (2:3-12)

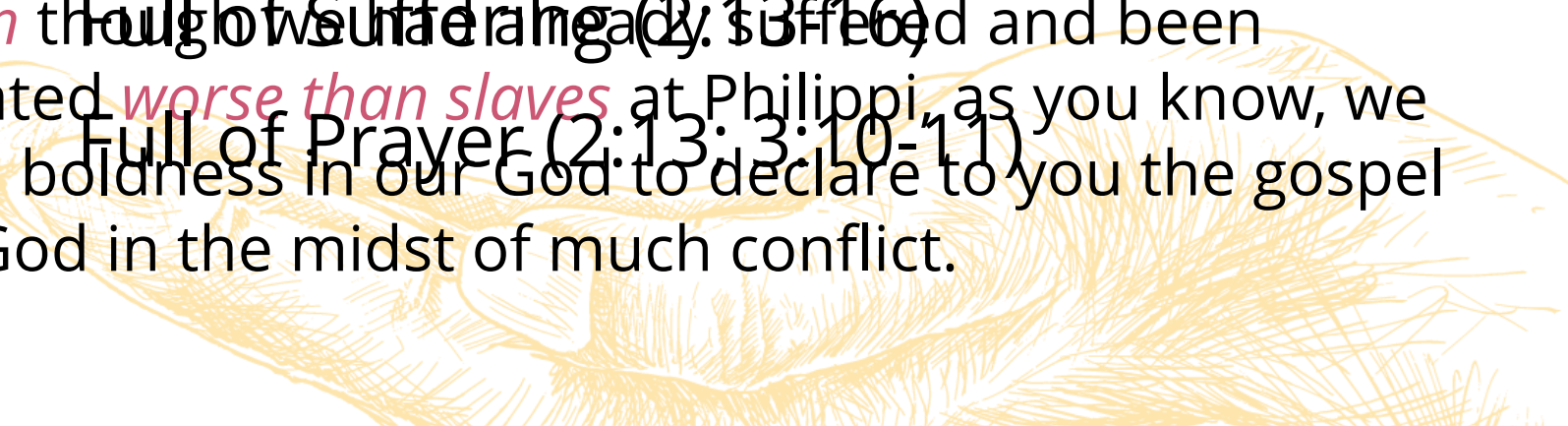
**NO!**


## Full of Suffering (2:13-16)

*Even though we were afflicted and been treated worse than slaves* at Philippi, as you know, we

## Full of Prayer (2:13; 3:10-11)


had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict.





*2:13 ...that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us...*

1. Our motive for ministry must never be “me” and our methods must never manipulate.
2. Don’t use the truth. Love the truth and use yourself.



*2:13 ...that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us...*

These servant-leaders continued to love them like family. [2:17-3:13]

Despite Physical Separation

Despite Satanic Opposition

**Sought their ULTIMATE Good! (3:11-13+++)**



2:13 ...that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us...

1. Satanic Opposition is Real



2. Functional Handbook for Shepherding

*If I were the Devil* by Paul Harvey—*“and the old I would teach to pray after me: Our Father who art in Washington.”*



# How should the Thessalonians prepare to Meet the Lord Jesus Christ?

2:1-3:13—The Thessalonians were prepared to meet the Lord Jesus Christ because they received the word *from true servant-leaders: Timothy, Silvanus, and Paul.*

4:1-5:11—The Thessalonians should prepare to meet the Lord Jesus Christ by...