

## THE LORD IS FAITHFUL...

### 2 Thess. 3:3-4

**2 Th 3:3 Faithful:** trustworthy; trustful; believable, sure, true.

**Stablish:** to set fast, to turn resolutely in a certain direction, to confirm, steadfastly set, strengthen.

**Keep you:** to watch, be on guard, to preserve, observe, save. Keep you on course. The character of God is always the foundation for Godly character in us.

Because of what He is we can be what we are.

God is faithful therefore I am faithful. Ps 18:30; 36:5; 89:1-2, 8; 119:86; Rom 8:38-39

Promises

I will bless Thee, Gen. 12:2

I will not fail Thee, Josh. 1:5

I will heal Thee, 2 Kings 20:5

I will guide Thee, Ps. 32:8

I will instruct Thee, Ps. 32:8

I will teach Thee, Ps. 32:8

I will deliver Thee, Ps. 50:15

I will satisfy Thee, Ps. 132:15

I. Because of God's Faithfulness He will:

A. Establish us. **2 Th 3:3 ... who shall stablish you,**

**Stablish:** to set fast, To place or settle in a secure position or condition; install.

B. Keep us From Evil. **2 Th 3:3 ... and keep you from evil.**

1. From Sin and its Influences. Rom 6:14

a. We must

- Flee youthful lusts 2 Tim. 2:22
- Hate sin Prov 8:13

b. He will not allow us to be tempted to sin more than we can handle. 1 Cor 10:13

c. In order for us to be kept from evil there must be a funeral. Rom 6:1-14

d. We cannot rely on ourselves for strength. Phil 3:3; 4:13

Hudson Taylor: *God uses men who are weak and feeble enough to lean on him.*

2. From Harmful Things.

- a. Unreasonable & wicked men.
- b. Principles & practices of evil men.
- c. Harmful attacks Satan brings on us by using environment  
1 Cor 11:23 -30; Heb 12:6-8

**2 Th 3:4** *Touching you:* In relation to, directed towards you.

Paul connects idea of obedience with being established and delivered from evil.

**Obedience and stability go hand in hand.** Isa 1:19; Jer 11:3; 12:17; Rom 6:17; Gal 5:7; 1 Pet 1:14; Luke 11:28; John 14:15, 23; 15:10

**2 Th 3:5** *And the Lord direct your hearts* Make this a ruling principle in your hearts. Incline your heart.

*Into the Love of God*—The total giving and sacrificial love of God as a ruling principle in our hearts.

*the patient waiting for Christ.* The patient endurance for Christ. Not tangential.

*For Christ:* emphasis on believer's character—endurance, steadfastness, constancy, as he looks forward to Christ.

God to direct their hearts into

1. Love of God
2. Patient Waiting for Christ
  - Not easily discouraged
  - Not easily critical
  - Consistent in the Word....prayer....witnessing...church....
  - Doesn't Quit

Psa 37:7-9; Eccl 7:8; Luke 8:15; 21:19; Rom 5:3-4; 12:12; 2 Cor 6:4; Col 1:11  
Heb 6:12, 15