

SERMON NOTES

Deliverance is Coming
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MAIN IDEA

Our confidence is in God's faithfulness because his deliverance is coming

1. Pray for Us" (vv. 1-3)

- We know we ought to pray with one another, but this reminds us that we ought to pray FOR each other.
- Why should we ask for prayer? Because: The Lord is faithful.
- We see in this verse that the Lord is faithful to DELIVER, ESTABLISH, and GUARD.
 - He delivers us from sin and death according to the Word of the Lord.
 - He establishes our flourishing according to the Word of the Lord.
 - He guards us against evil according to the Word of the Lord.
- Paul's prayer request reminds us of where our help comes from.

2. Have Confidence in the Lord (vv. 4-5)

- First: be encouraged by the good news of Jesus. We MUST start at this good news. In Jesus, we don't live for his grace; we live from his grace. He delivers us. And he is faithful to bring deliverance to all of creation.
- Second: (after being encouraged by the good news of Jesus), Be compelled to obey the Lord. He establishes us by the Holy Spirit to walk in obedience.

3. The Thing About Idleness (vv. 6-15)

- Why would Paul spend so much ink addressing something that seems inconsequential? Because it IS consequential. Idle people damage the cause of Christ in our community.
- Notice... the one walking in idleness is, not the person who does little, but is the one who thinks little about the ways of Christ. And by caring so little about the ways of Christ, He, or she, causes the community to become weary.
- Idleness isn't just laziness! Idleness can look like a busy calendar! idleness is the rot of idolatry that can take many forms. Just because you are busy doesn't mean you aren't idle in the eyes of God.
- What about you? Do you know the Lord's faithfulness? Do you have confidence in his deliverance? Do not grow weary in doing good. Be encouraged and be confident, the Lord is faithful. "Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:16)