

The Rolling Roads Reminder

September 2023

Looking Over Jordan

The book of 2 Thessalonians ends with this benediction:

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace, comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word. The goal of God for our blessing is that we be comforted and have hope, so we can talk and act in ways that glorify the Lord. We need encouragement if we are going to speak in a kingdom of God way. We need strength if we are going to commit and engage in kingdom-building actions.



So where does our strength come from? Our strength and hope comes from the God of all comfort, from the Comforter, from the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

But how has that comfort and hope come? Through whom has the grace-filled strength and comfort come for the Thessalonians?

It came through Paul's ministry, Paul's letter, from the teachings and words and deeds of Paul and the mission team. Paul may have planted the church, but he didn't plant and leave it. He continued to care for them, and so we read his letters to this church. They weren't left on their own to sink or swim. They had not reason for ever thinking, "Paul doesn't care about us."

Paul was mediating the encouragement that God had for them. Paul was the willing vessel of God's strength and comfort.

Who do we have encouraging us as believers? From where do we get the motivation to pursue God's Word and God's plans for us?

We are together in Spirit, and we are united around God's Word. As church members, we are encouragers of one another.

Paul set an example for us believers to follow. By his patient life of (continued)

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financial report

July

Income: \$14,569

Expenses: \$6,912



Growing Towards Christ

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept 4 - Labor Day

Sept 24 - Vesper Service
at The Carillon - 4 PM

Each Wednesday -
Pastor James' Bible study
Vidcast

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strategy for reaching the world
for Christ.**

Let's pray for unreached people
groups in North Carolina, NC Baptist
missionaries and church planters!

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ministry, Paul demonstrated in his life that growing in Christ is a continual journey. Paul wrote, *When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory. Colossians 3:4 is a magnificent promise from God! We need never be discouraged or dismayed, because we are held in the loving hands of Jesus into glory. You know how the song goes: "We should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer...In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there."*

Paul's blessing to the Thessalonians is our blessing too, as we trust in Christ for our encouragement and comfort through all the challenges and seasons of life!

Happy because of Jesus,
Pastor James



Relief for Today Hope for Tomorrow

"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe in Him so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

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