

THE LORD AND HIS PEOPLE
II THESS. 3:3-5

Introduction:

- A. Often times we forget who we are.
 - 1. This can cause us many problems.
 - 2. We are God's people!
 - 3. We are in the world.

- B. It is much more serious to forget who the Lord is.
 - 1. The Lord is for us!

- C. Paul reminds these people of the Lord's work.

I. "BUT THE LORD IS FAITHFUL."

- A. Has the Lord ever been unfaithful?
 - 1. There has never been a time when God failed.
 - 2. He had never been early, never been late.

- b. "Who shall stablish you"
 - 1. "to set fast, to set firmly."
 - 2. They were prone to excitement.

- C. "and keep you from evil."
 - 1. "to guard you from the wicked one."
 - 2. guard = is a military term.

II. "WE HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE LORD TOUCHING YOU."

- A. "that you do ... the things which we command."
 - 1. confidence = to persuade, win by words, influence.
 - 2. command = to announce beside or near to anyone, to hand an announcement, then to pass it on.

- B. "and will do ... the things which we command."
 - 1. There are still things to learn and do.

2. All of our lives are in the future, all of our opportunities are future.
- C. The saddest failures are the one's who have quit too early. They have stacked arms.

III. "THE LORD DIRECT YOUR HEARTS."

- A. direct = to guide straight towards.
 1. The Lord is the perfect guide.
 2. He will guide straight towards.
- B. "your hearts."
 1. If a person has a right heart, other things will fall in place.
- C. "into the love of God."
 1. Their love should increase toward God.
- D. "the patient waiting for Christ."
 1. Two things may be meant.
 - a. "the patience of Christ."
 - b. "the patient waiting for Christ."