

"A Signature Blessing"

Sunday, September 12, 2021, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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2 Thessalonians 3:16-18

BIG IDEA: Christ's blessings equip us to face the day.

*"May the Lord of peace Himself
give you peace always in every way."
2 Thessalonians 3:16a (CSB)*



Blessed by the Lord's PEACE. (v16a)

- The Lord's PEACE is His PERSONAL provision.
- The Lord's PEACE is His PRACTICAL provision.



Blessed by the Lord's PRESENCE. (v16b)

- The Lord's PRESENCE is His PERSONAL provision.
- The Lord's PRESENCE is His GENEROUS provision.



Blessed by the Lord's GRACE. (v17, 18)

- The Lord's GRACE is His PERSONAL provision.
- The Lord's GRACE is His GENEROUS provision.



NOTE: A Field Guide to Last Days Living.

- **KNOW THE FACTS/TRUTH** about the Lord Jesus Christ's 2nd Coming.
- The Lord Jesus Christ has given us everything we need to make it all the way to GLORY.

- **GOD'S WORD** is central to the ministry of the local church.
- **Before Jesus Christ returns God has work to do IN us & THRU us.**
- **We don't live in a vacuum.**
- **PRAYER** is an essential for living in light of Christ's return.
- **A proper understanding of LAST THINGS** keeps us from being fanatics & lazy busybodies.
- **Last Days Living: It's all about GOD'S GLORY!**
- **GOD'S GRACE** got me this far & **GOD'S GRACE** will get me home.

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READ: 2 Thessalonians 3:16-18

THINK: Review Paul's final greetings to the Thessalonians, then ask yourself these questions: *If you knew today was your last day to live, what would you do differently than any other day of your life? Why does Paul seek the blessing of peace for the Thessalonians? What does the name "Lord of peace" mean to you? How is the Lord with us today? Why does Paul draw attention to his handwriting? Why does Paul seek the blessing of grace for the Thessalonians? Of all the things Paul could have said as he ended his second letter to these young believers, why do you think he emphasizes peace, the Lord's presence, and grace? What does this particular emphasis suggest to you about God's will for His people? What did you learn this summer from 1st & 2nd Thessalonians about the events surrounding Christ's return that you did not know before?*

DO: Identify two or three "take-always" from our study of these two letters and share how you will live differently in light of Christ's return with at least one other person this week.