

## **2 THESSALONIANS 3:5 Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.**

4/1/17 Sat Morn Prayer – Phil Twente

**THE LOVE OF GOD - Frederick Lehman – Phelps, Penrod & Gardner**

*The love of God is greater far Than tongue or pen can ever tell; It goes beyond the highest star, And reaches to the lowest hell; The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win; His erring child He reconciled, And pardoned from his sin.*

*Refrain:*

*Oh, love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong! It shall forevermore endure— The saints' and angels' song. Could we with ink the ocean fill, And were the skies of parchment made, Were every stalk on earth a quill, And every man a scribe by trade; To write the love of God above Would drain the ocean dry; Nor could the scroll contain the whole, Though stretched from sky to sky. (Refrain)*

**Five prayers in 1 & 2 Thessalonians, which we have looked at so far:**

**1Th 1:2-4** We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, [3] remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father, [4] knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God.

**1Th 3:10-13** night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face and perfect what is lacking in your faith? [11] Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you. [12] And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you, [13] so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

**1Th 5:23** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**2Th 1:11-12** Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with power, [12] that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**2Th 2:16-17** Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, [17] comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work.

Now, the Apostle Paul requests the brethren to pray for us – 2 Thess. 3:1-4; and in verse 5: v. 5 “Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.”

**2Th 3:5 Now may the Lord direct (katethuno – lead, direct your way) your hearts -**

**Two verses in the Bible where the Lord is being asked to “direct” us:**

**1Th 3:11** Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you.

**2Th 3:5** Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.

**Three of the eleven verses in the Bible where the Lord is being asked to “lead me”:**

**Psa 43:3** Oh, send out Your light and Your truth! Let them lead me; Let them bring me to Your holy hill And to Your tabernacle.

**Psa 61:2** From the end of the earth I will cry to You, When my heart is overwhelmed; Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

**Psa 139:24** And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

**into the love of God – Four of the twelve verses in the Bible of “the love of God”:**

**Rom 5:5** Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

**Rom 8:39** nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Tit 3:4** But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared,

*Jud 1:21 keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.*

Three verses in the Bible of “the love of Christ”:

*Rom 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*

*2Co 5:14 For the love of Christ compels (constrains) us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died;*

*Eph 3:19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

***and into the patience (hupomone – the act of patient waiting for someone or something, expectation) of Christ. -***

*2Th 3:5 Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.*

*Rev 1:9 I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.*

Three of the five verses in the Bible regarding “love” and “patience”:

*1Th 1:3 remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father,*

*1Ti 6:11 But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.*

*Tit 2:2 that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience;*

**Summary:**

- The Trinity – “the Lord direct” (through His Holy Spirit)... “love of God” (the Father)... “patience of Christ” (the Son)
- May He lead and direct your hearts into the love of God – EITHER the love we are to have for God OR the love He has for us!
- May He lead and direct your hearts into the patience of Christ OR for Christ!

**Pray Today For:**

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