



# Sunday 21st August—9:30am Catholic Hall

## 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15 Work, Idleness & Accountability

*A reminder of yesterday's BD message.....*

The world tells us we must have confidence and strength in ourselves to overcome our anxieties. But as Christians, we are told to get rid of our self-confidence because there is nothing to base that sort of confidence on. As a Disciple of Jesus, 'self' is not a source of strength. What establishes, guards, keeps and directs us is The Lord. This is why, when troubles arise, we don't seek our own plans and strategies, we seek Christ. Ultimately, our confidence in the Lord is expressed in our prayer life.

What we see as truly important is what we tend to pray about. And Paul reminds us here that things of eternal significance are what's important. He didn't ask for the Thessalonians to pray for him, he asked them to pray for the advance of the Gospel. Not everyone was as receptive to the Gospel as those in Thessalonica and the same is true today. Some receive the Gospel with great joy, others are happy to simply 'live and let live' and others violently oppose its message. Despite various reactions to the Gospel however, the Lord is faithful and our confidence is in Him (not in our ability to communicate The Word).

The Lord establishes us into faith and also guards us. This doesn't mean we will be guarded from troubles, sickness, opposition or persecution—Jesus not only establishes our faith, but in Him, we endure. In times of suffering/anxiety/the unknown, it's tempting to lose perspective. When things get tough, the temptation is to feel that 'God doesn't love me, he's let me down'. But the truth of the matter is the exact opposite. Paul prays 'may the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God'. How is this truth playing out in your life? What inner battle are you grappling with? What anxieties are looming before you? May the Lord direct your hearts to the steadfastness and love of Christ. May you find renewed confidence in Him who loved you so much he sent his Son to die for you!

Do we have confidence in ourselves or do we place our confidence in God?



**KYB**— August 9th 9:30am Catholic Church Hall

**Men's Prayer Meeting**— Wednesday 6am "Mywybilla"

### August 2022 Service Dates

7th	BD Service	5pm
August	Catholic Hall Cecil Plains	
14th	St.Margaret's Service	5pm
August	Anglican Church Cecil Plains	
21st	BD Service	9:30am
August	Catholic Hall Cecil Plains	
28th	St.Margaret's Service	5pm
August	Anglican Church Cecil Plains	

### Order of Service Sunday 21st August

<b>Welcome, Opening Psalm &amp; Prayer</b>	David & Ruth
<b>Song</b>	Chelsea & Rhonda
<b>Children's Story</b>	Andrew & Monique
<b>Bible Reading</b> <b>2Thessalonians 3:6-15</b>	Ann
<b>Message</b>	Work, Idleness and Accountability
<b>Communion</b>	David & Pauline
<b>Song</b>	Chelsea & Rhonda
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Justin & Sarah
<b>Supper</b>	Bruce & Rhonda