

## 2022-2023 BSP#3 Group Time Discussion

### (A) 為查考和認識的題目 Questions for Studying and Understanding (10 minutes)

1. 身為宗徒，保祿等有權叫人敬重他們，但他們「黑夜白日操作，免得加給你們任何人負擔」(2:9)。他們這樣做的原因是(提示：參閱瑪 10:10，格後 8:9)：
  - a. 以免在得撒洛尼的敵人誣告他們，控告他們欺騙。
  - b. 傳揚福音是不應收費的。
  - c. 是為了跟隨主耶穌，「祂本是富有的，為了你們卻成了貧困的」。
  - d. 得撒洛尼教會是各教會中最窮的。
  - e. 上述答案都不對。

As apostles, Paul and others have the right to be respected, but they do their "toil and drudgery. Working night and day in order not to burden any of you" (2:9). The reason they do this is (hint: see Matthew 10:10, 2 Corinthians 8:9):

- a. Lest the enemies at Thessalonians falsely accuse them of deceit.
  - b. There should be no charge for preaching the gospel.
  - c. To follow the Lord Jesus, "He was rich, but for your sakes he became poor."
  - d. The Thessalonian church was the poorest of the churches.
  - e. None of the above answers is correct.
2. 保祿形容自己和息耳瓦諾及弟茂德是「無可指摘」的(2:10)。按法律，要怎樣才是「無可指摘」(提示：參閱路 1:6，斐 3:6)？
    - a. 曾迫害過教會。
    - b. 是法利賽人。
    - c. 是一位司祭。
    - d. 照一切誠命和禮規行事。
    - e. 上述答案都不對。

Paul describes himself and Silvanus and Timothy as "blameless" (2:10). What does it mean to be "blameless" under the law (hint: see Luke 1:6, Phil 3:6)?

- a. Has persecuted the church.
- b. Was a Pharisee.
- c. Was a priest.
- d. Observing all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord
- e. None of the above answers is correct.

**(B) 為反思和應用的題目。Reflection and application question (15 minutes)**

在 2:17-20 中，保祿說他很想回到得撒洛尼的教會，但他的嘗試屢屢受挫。許多基督徒很快就認為，無論什麼不幸事件發生，都是天主的旨意。但保祿並不認為他目前無法返回得撒洛尼是天主不希望他返回的證據。相反地，他將障礙解釋為撒殫的阻止。你同意保祿的觀點嗎？當你遇到類似的障礙時，你會採取什麼立場？你會做什麼來克服這些障礙？

**In 2:17-20, Paul said he was desperate to return to the church in Thessalonica, but his attempts were repeatedly thwarted. Many Christians are quick to assume that whatever unfortunate events occur are with the will of God. But Paul does not consider his current inability to return to Thessalonica evidence that God does not want him to return. On the contrary, he interprets the obstacles as diabolical opposition. Do you share Paul's view? What position do you take when you encounter similar obstacles? What do you do to overcome the obstacles?**