

1 Thessalonians 3:1-13

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- Tonight – Opportunity to give a Bible study
 - Comment – Recently, we began a series about 1 Thessalonians
 - Title – “1 Thessalonians 3:1-13”
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- Transition from chapter 2

1 Thes. 2:14-16 you brethren – became imitators of the churches of God in Judea

- you suffered from your countrymen – just as disciples in Judea suffered from Judeans
- they killed the Lord Jesus & His prophets
- they have persecuted us
- they do not please God
- they are contrary to all men
- forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles (that they might be saved)

1 Thes. 2:17 we have been taken away from you, for a short time – in presence, not in heart – we want to see you again

18 I wanted to come often – I was hindered by Satan

19 what is our hope, joy and rejoicing?

- for you to be in the presence of our Lord at His coming

20 you are our glory and joy

- Continuing into chapter 3

1 Thes. 3:1 we decided to stay in Athens

Acts 17:1 Thessalonica

2-10 Paul was forced out of Thessalonica – to Berea

11 the people of Berea – were more fairminded than those of Thessalonica

13 when the Jews of Thessalonica learned that the word of God was preached by Paul at Berea, they went there and stirred up the crowds

14 they sent Paul away to go to the sea – Silas & Timothy remained

15 they took Paul to Athens

- What happened in Athens? – (Acts 17:16-24)

Acts 17:16 while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked – because the city was given over to idols

17 in synagogue – in marketplace

18 babblers – proclaimers of foreign gods

19 “may we know what this new doctrine is?”

20-21 Athenians and foreigners loved new things
22-31 Paul's message in Athens
32 some mocked – some said, “we will hear you again on this matter”
33 Paul departed
34 some joined him
Acts 18:1 Paul departed Athens for Corinth

Paul and Silas sent Timothy

1 Thes. 3:2 they sent Timothy
Acts 15:36-40 Paul and Barnabas separated
37-39 Barnabas took John Mark
40 Paul chose Silas
Acts 16:1 Paul went to Derbe & Lystra – a certain disciple was there, named
Timothy – the son of a certain Jewish woman who believed, but
his father was Greek
12 they came to Philippi
Phil. 2:19 I trust in the Lord to send Timothy to you shortly – that I may be
encouraged when I know your state
20 like-minded – sincerely care for your state
21 all seek their own – instead of the things of Christ
22 but you know his proven character – served with Paul like a son
23-24 Paul – I will send him – then I will come myself

Continuing in chapter 3

1 Thes. 3:2 we sent Timothy to establish you and encourage you – concerning the
faith
3 that you not be shaken by these afflictions – for you know that we are
appointed for dealing with afflictions
4 we told you before – that we would suffer tribulation
5 when I heard about your tribulation, I could no longer endure it – I needed
to know your faith – lest by some means the tempter had tempted
you and our labor might have been in vain
6 Timothy returned – with good news about your faith and love – that we
can remember our mutual love
7 we were comforted about you – concerning your faith
8 now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord
9 “we rejoice for your sake before God”
10 we pray night and day – to see your face
11 may our God and Father Himself & our Lord Jesus Christ – direct our
ways to you
12 may the Lord make you increase – and abound in love to one another
13 that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness – before our God
and Father – at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ