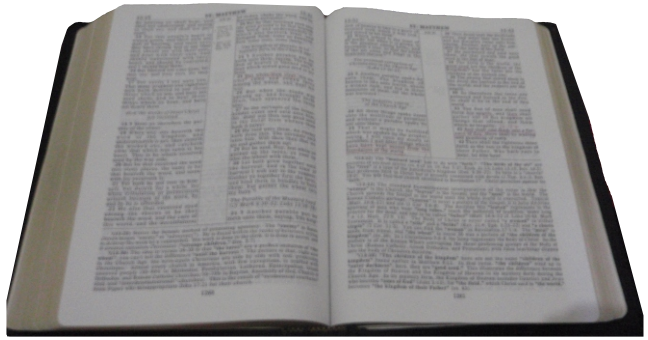


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A Bible Believers Commentary on

1Thessalonaians
Chapter 3

Comparing spiritual things with spiritual

The entrance of thy words giveth light
Ps. 119:130

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3:1- Paul wanted to go back to Thessalonica but had to stay in Athens so he sends Timothy.

3:2- Sent Timotheus

- Since Paul couldn't make it he sends Timothy in his place.

- Paul lead them to Christ in Chapter one but that's not enough, now they need grounded but he can't make it so he sends Timothy

- Mt. 28:19- The great commission

1- Teach- Preaching Salvation to them

2- Baptize- Public profession of their faith

3- Teaching them to observe all things.
- That is the word of God.

- Paul is trying to get back to them and ground them in the word of God.

3:2- sent Timotheus

- Paul sent Timothy into satanic hindrances

- 1Th. 2:18

- Timothy is headed into battle, sufferings, persecution, hindrances

- You better be prayed up and read up in your bible.

3:2- Brother and minister of God

- Timothy is a spiritual brother and a minister of God who could be trusted to go to Thessalonica.

- Could you be trusted and able to go?

- 1Th. 4:13-18 - Coming for his saints is the Rapture.

3:13- This is the 2nd Advent of Christ not the Rapture

- 1Th. 1:7-8

- The perfection of the body, soul and spirit does not take place at the rapture it take place at the Advent.

No Christian is unblameable in holiness until he has passed the Judgement seat of Christ.

3:2- Sent Timotheous

- A local church calls up and says we need a pastor.

- Paul says I think I might know somebody who is willing.

- Paul ask Timothy would you like to go minister to them in Thessalonica it's pretty rough there.

- Timothy says let me go.

- Could you go if your pastor asked you?

3:2- Minister of God

- A ministers job is to:

1- Stablish you in the faith- eternal security, living by faith etc.

2- Comfort you- when troubles come

3:2- Its one thing to put your faith in Christ to get saved but it's another to walk by faith after your saved.

3:2- faith
3:5- faith
3:6-
3:7-
3:10-

- Paul is concerned about their faith, their faith in the word of God.

- Rom. 10:17- So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God

- The more you read and study Gods word the more your faith grows.

3:2- Establish you

1- Salvation by grace- Eph. 2:8-9
Rom.10:13
Jh. 1:12

2- Rooted, grounded, planted in God's word.

-1Th. 3:13- stablish your hearts

- Paul's main theme in 1Thessalonians 3 is establishing you in the faith.

- Faith is mentioned 5 times

- Established - 2 times

- Paul wants strong established Christians

- Christians that: Pray
Read
Soul win
Tith
Etc.

3:2- Comfort

- To encourage them

- Don't overwhelm them with bible knowledge

- Keep it simple- Salvation messages, eternal security

3:3- There are 2 applications

- Historically

- Spiritually

3:13- To the end

- Love each other to the very end.

3:13- Holiness

- 1Th. 4:7

- God wants you to live holy, pure, sinless

- What is your goal, aim- to live sinless

- Expecting Jesus to come back at any moment will promote you to live right.

- 1Jh. 3:2-3- Purifieth himself

- The 2nd Coming is a purifying hope

3:13- Now notice two things in the passage.

1- The end

2- At the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

- So at the end our salvation your hearts will be unblameable in holiness before God

- The Lord is going to make us perfect.

- 1Th. 5:23

- When we come bak with Jesus Christ to earth we will be unblameable.

- When Christ comes back (2nd Advent) we will have a perfect Body Soul and Spirit.

3:13- Christ comes with his saints - not for his saints

- We all need t grow in grace

- We need to increase our faith

- Perfect that which is lacking

- Abound in love

3:12- Abound- <u>toward all men</u>

- Even lost people

- 1Th. 5:15

- Your supposed to love lost people

- We are commanded to love all men.

- A growing faith in God ought to result in a growing love for others.

- You know why people are having such a hard time loving people these days

- Mt. 24:12-

- Sin is on the increase

- We need to be told to Love people now more than ever before.

- Our society is wicked and our love is growing cold.

- 2Th. 1:3- Paul prayed their faith and love increase and God honored his prayer.

- God answered Paul's prayer

- Are you praying?

3:3- Historical application

- Paul was beaten and whipped in Acts 16 he goes to Thessalonica with whip marks on his back and gets run out the city.

- Paul suffered much in his Christian walk.

- 2Cor. 11:22-27

- People think if Paul was right he wouldn't be having all this trouble

- The fact Paul is having trouble is proof he is on the right track.

- Back slidden Christians and dead churches don't get persecuted.

- Paul is saying don't be moved by what is happening to me.

- Paul don't want them to be discouraged or lose their faith for what he is going through.

- How do you know?

1Th. 3:6- Timothy came.... and brought us good tidings of your faith and charity, <u>and that ye have good remembrance of us always</u>,

- They could be thinking

  - Is he out of the will of God or is he in the will of God

- 1Th. 3:6- Timothy brought back a good report.

- 1Th. 3:7

- Paul is saying we received comfort knowing you didn't think we were out of the will of God and had confidence in us that we lead you to Christ.

3:3- Spiritual Application

- No man should be moved by these afflictions - Why?

- Because your going to have afflictions.

3:3- We are appointed there unto.

- Our afflictions aren't accidents their appointments.

- Every Christian has an appointment with affliction.

- Tuesday 3 pm, Friday 7:30 am

- Ps. 119:71- Is this your attitude?

- Every time you go through an affliction God is getting ready to teach you something. Praise God thank you

- Acts 20 :22-24

- Jh. 16:33

- 1Pet. 4:12-13

- Ph. 1:29- Suffer for Christ sake

- Don't take it personal

- Eph. 6:12- For we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities, against powers...

- Rom. 8:18

3:4- I told you so

- It's not always going to be love & Joy- Trials & afflictions.

- Every rose has thrones

- 2Tim. 3:12- Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ....

- God did it

- God satisfied him

- God was perfecting his faith

3:10- Even though the Thessalonians are amazing Christians in chapter one, they still need to perfect their faith.

3:10- Night and Day praying

- Col. 4:12 - Always labouring fervently for you in prayer.

- 1Sam. 12:23- God forbid

- Acts 6:4- The pastors job

- Acts 20:32- I commend you to God

- That's prayer and to the word of his grace

- Paul says a preachers job is prayer and word of God.

- Lk. 22:31-32- Jesus prayed that their faith fail not.

3:11- Paul is praying help us get to the Thessalonians

3:12- Paul is praying from verse 10 through 13

3:12- Increase and abound

- They had great faith in chapter one but paul prayed they would increase and abound.

3:12- Increase their faith

Love may abound

- 1Th. 4:9-10

- 2Pet. 3:18- Grow in grac

- Paul's example is praying night & day

- Not carless, or causal - night & day

3:10- And might perfect that which is lacking in your faith.

- 1Th. 1:8- Paul said we ddon't have to do anything because your faith is spread abroad.

- Now Paul is praying that they can perfect that which is lacking in their faith.

- No matter how spiritual and faithful you are you can always become better.

- Are you a better Christian than your were last year or maybe ten years ago.

- Do you pray more, study more, soul win more, help your brothers and sisters in Christ more.

- Are you satisfied with your spiritual growth.

- Gen. 12:1-10- God told Abraham to go to Canaan and when he got there, there was a famine.

- Ps. 37:19- God was trying to perfect Abrahams faith.

- You think because your in Canaan and there is a famine that your out of the will of God-

- No, your right where God wants you.

- Your in the Will of God but God is going to use the famine to perfect your faith to satisfy and meet your needs.

- 1Kg. 17- Eligah said it's not going to rain and it rained not for 3 ½ years. How was he going to eat and drink?

3:5- He sent Timothy to know their faith

3:5- tempter

- another name for Satan

- 1Cor. 10:13- there hath no temptation taken you....

- Do you know how Satan started tempting Eve in the garden?

- He started by weakening her faith in God.

- Gen. 3:1- Yea hath God said

- He's getting hr to question God's word.

- She ate because she doubted God's word.

- Satan will always tempt you to doubt Gods word.

- King James Bible is the Truth.

- Jh. 17:17- Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word....

3:5- Our labour be in vain

- Paul couldn't wait any longer he had to sen Timothy and find out what's going on.

3:6- Paul sent Timothy to find out if they still lhad confidence in Paul to teach them the word of God.

- He came back and brought them Good tidings

3:6- Good tidings

- It was a blessing to Paul to here of your faith.

3:7- It was a comfort to Paul to here that they still had faith in God and in him.

- Paul thinking of you, made him feel better.

- Can you think of someone and it makes you feel better.

3:8- We - Paul, Timothy, Silas

- We- Preachers

- We live **if** ye stand
  Preachers Church

- A pastors life is wrapped up in his churches stedfastness.

- When a Church member misses church for no reason it hurts the pastor. It's discourages them.

- When you don't live for God a hit and miss Christian.

- It hurts the pastor and it hurts the church.

- We live if ye stand

- Now look at the oppitsite

- We die if ye fall

- It bothers you when something happens to your family.

- The Church is your family

- We live = having joy

3:9- Joy

- Real living is Joy

- When your living right it causes your pastor to rejoice

- It was a joy to hear about your faith

- But when a Christian is unstable, insincere it breaks your pastors heart.

- Christians can encourage the heart of their pastor by doing the will of God.

- What happens when you discourage the pastor?

- Heb. 13:7

1- A pastor watches over your soul.

2- A pastor will give account how he trained and took care of you.

3- But were you a joy or grief to your pastor.

- You want to be a blessing to your pastor - Live Right

- 3John 1:4

- 1Th. 2:19-20

- A preacher rejoices in the spiritual prosperity of his children.

3:9- Again

- Paul is trying to figure out how to praise God more

- 1Th. 2:13- Thank we God without ceasing

- Paul wants to praise God again for the joy they give him, because their full of joy from loving God's word.

3-10- Praying exceedingly

- Jam. 5:16- The effectual fervant prayer of a righteous man availeth much

- 1Cor. 11:1- Be ye followers of me