

❖ 1 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 3

IN 1 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 3, THE APOSTLE PAUL CONTINUED TO RECOUNT TO THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THESSALONICA HIS HEART'S DESIRE TO KNOW THEIR SPIRITUAL STATE AFTER LEAVING THE BRETHREN AT THESSALONICA DUE TO THE PERSECUTIONS AND AFFLICTIONS OF THE JEWS IN THESSALONICA DURING HIS SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY.

THE APOSTLE PAUL WOULD HAVE SENT TIMOTHY AND OTHER BRETHREN BACK INTO THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THESSALONICA TO CHECK ON THE SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE BRETHREN AND TO ENCOURAGE THEM IN THEIR AFFLICTIONS AND PERSECUTION FOR THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS AT BEREIA FROM WHERE HE WOULD HAVE SENT BOTH TIMOTHEUS WITH SILAS TO KNOW THE SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD IN THESSALONICA.

❖ 1 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 3 VERSES 1-2

IN 1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-2, THE APOSTLE PAUL HIGHLIGHTED TIMOTHEUS ONLY AND NOT SILAS (SILVANUS) TO PROVE TIMOTHEUS AS A YOUNG AND FAITHFUL SERVANT WHO WAS COMMITTED TO THE MINISTRY OF THE GOSPEL AMONGST THE GENTILES.

SILAS AS A PROPHET AND A SENIOR MINISTER WHO WOULD HAVE CARRIED THE EPISTLE WITH TIMOTHEUS WOULD NOT HAVE HAD A SPIRIT OF ENVY OR JEALOUSY AND WOULD HAVE UNDERSTOOD THE PURPOSE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL LEAVING OUT HIS NAME OUT IN THE EPISTLE.

1 Thess 3:1-2 (KJV) 1 Wherefore when we could no longer forbear, WE THOUGHT IT GOOD TO BE LEFT AT ATHENS ALONE;

1 Thess 3:2 (KJV) 2 AND SENT TIMOTHEUS, OUR BROTHER, AND MINISTER OF GOD, and our fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ, TO ESTABLISH YOU, AND TO COMFORT YOU CONCERNING YOUR FAITH:

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES IN THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES WHEN THE APOSTLE PAUL SENT **TIMOTHEUS** FROM **BEREA** TO **THESSALONICA** TO CHECK UPON THE SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE BRETHREN.

Acts 17:13-16 (KJV) 13 But when the Jews of Thessalonica had knowledge that **THE WORD OF GOD WAS PREACHED OF PAUL AT BEREА**, they came thither also, and stirred up the people.

Acts 17:14 (KJV) 14 And then immediately the brethren sent away Paul to go as it were to the sea: but **SILAS AND TIMOTHEUS ABODE THERE STILL.**

Acts 17:15 (KJV) 15 And they that conducted Paul brought him unto Athens: **AND RECEIVING A COMMANDMENT UNTO SILAS AND TIMOTHEUS FOR TO COME TO HIM WITH ALL SPEED, THEY DEPARTED.**

Acts 17:16 (KJV) 16 **NOW WHILE PAUL WAITED FOR THEM AT ATHENS,** his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry.

THE APOSTLE PAUL INITIALLY WAITED AT **ATHENS** FOR **SILAS** AND **TIMOTHEUS** BUT JOURNEYED FROM ATHENS TO CORINTH FROM WHERE **SILAS** AND **TIMOTHEUS** CAME TO MEET HIM AS HE COMMANDED.

Acts 18:1 (KJV) 1 **AFTER THESE THINGS PAUL DEPARTED FROM ATHENS, AND CAME TO CORINTH;**

THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS AT CORINTH WHEN **SILAS** AND **TIMOTHEUS** CAME ON HIS REQUEST FROM **MACEDONIA (THESSALONICA).**

Acts 18:5 (KJV) 5 **AND WHEN SILAS AND TIMOTHEUS WERE COME FROM MACEDONIA,** Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE FAITH OF JESUS CHRIST BEING ESTABLISHED IN THOSE IN THE CHURCH OF GOD.

1 Cor 2:5 (KJV) 5 THAT YOUR FAITH should not stand in the wisdom of men, BUT IN THE POWER OF GOD.

2 Cor 1:24 (KJV) 24 Not for that we have dominion over your faith, BUT ARE HELPERS OF YOUR JOY: FOR BY FAITH YE STAND.

THE APOSTLE PAUL IN THE SECOND EPISTLE TO THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THESSALONICA COMMENDED THE BRETHREN ON THE INCREASE IN THEIR FAITH DESPITE THE AFFLICTIONS AND PERSECUTIONS THEY WERE UNDERGOING.

2 Thess 1:3 (KJV) 3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, BECAUSE THAT YOUR FAITH GROWETH EXCEEDINGLY, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;

**2 Thess 2:16-17 (KJV) 16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,
2 Thess 2:16-17 (KJV) 17 COMFORT YOUR HEARTS, AND STABLISH YOU IN EVERY GOOD WORD AND WORK.**

James 1:3 (KJV) 3 Knowing this, that THE TRYING OF YOUR FAITH WORKETH PATIENCE.

1 Peter 1:7 (KJV) 7 THAT THE TRIAL OF YOUR FAITH, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

1 Peter 1:9 (KJV) 9 RECEIVING THE END OF YOUR FAITH, even the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 5:10 (KJV) 10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, STABLISH, strengthen, settle you.

❖ 1 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 3 CONTINUED VERSES 3-4

IN 1 THESSALONIANS 3:3-4, THE APOSTLE PAUL REMINDED THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THESSALONICA THAT THEY WERE APPOINTED TO THE SUFFERINGS OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE GOSPEL MESSAGE OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

1 Thess 3:3-4 (KJV) 3 THAT NO MAN SHOULD BE MOVED BY THESE AFFLICTIONS: FOR YOURSELVES KNOW THAT WE ARE APPOINTED THEREUNTO.

1 Thess 3:4 (KJV) 4 FOR VERILY, WHEN WE WERE WITH YOU, WE TOLD YOU BEFORE THAT WE SHOULD SUFFER TRIBULATION; EVEN AS IT CAME TO PASS, AND YE KNOW.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES:

Psa 34:19 (KJV) 19 MANY ARE THE AFFLICTIONS OF THE RIGHTEOUS: BUT THE LORD DELIVERETH HIM OUT OF THEM ALL.

John 16:33 (KJV) 33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. IN THE WORLD YE SHALL HAVE TRIBULATION: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

Acts 14:22 (KJV) 22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, AND EXHORTING THEM TO CONTINUE IN THE FAITH, AND THAT WE MUST THROUGH MUCH TRIBULATION ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

Rom 8:17-18 (KJV) 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; IF SO BE THAT WE SUFFER WITH HIM, THAT WE MAY BE ALSO GLORIFIED TOGETHER.

Rom 8:18 (KJV) 18 FOR I RECKON THAT THE SUFFERINGS OF THIS PRESENT TIME ARE NOT WORTHY TO BE COMPARED WITH THE GLORY WHICH SHALL BE REVEALED IN US.

1 Cor 4:9 (KJV) 9 FOR I THINK THAT GOD HATH SET FORTH US THE APOSTLES LAST, AS IT WERE APPOINTED TO DEATH: FOR

WE ARE MADE A SPECTACLE UNTO THE WORLD, AND TO ANGELS, AND TO MEN.

2 Cor 1:4-7 (KJV) 4 WHO COMFORTETH US IN ALL OUR TRIBULATION, THAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO COMFORT THEM WHICH ARE IN ANY TROUBLE, BY THE COMFORT WHEREWITH WE OURSELVES ARE COMFORTED OF GOD.

2 Cor 1:5 (KJV) 5 FOR AS THE SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST ABOUND IN US, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.

2 Cor 1:6 (KJV) 6 And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, WHICH IS EFFECTUAL IN THE ENDURING OF THE SAME SUFFERINGS WHICH WE ALSO SUFFER; or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.

2 Cor 1:7 (KJV) 7 And our hope of you is stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation.

2 Cor 4:17-18 (KJV) 17 FOR OUR LIGHT AFFLICTION, WHICH IS BUT FOR A MOMENT, WORKETH FOR US A FAR MORE EXCEEDING AND ETERNAL WEIGHT OF GLORY;

2 Cor 4:18 (KJV) 18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Phil 3:10 (KJV) 10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SUFFERINGS, BEING MADE CONFORMABLE UNTO HIS DEATH;

2 Tim 2:12 (KJV) 12 IF WE SUFFER, WE SHALL ALSO REIGN WITH HIM; if we deny him, he also will deny us:

2 Tim 3:10-12 (KJV) 10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,

2 Tim 3:11 (KJV) 11 PERSECUTIONS, AFFLICTIONS, WHICH CAME UNTO ME AT ANTIOCH, AT ICONIUM, AT LYSTRA; WHAT PERSECUTIONS I ENDURED; but out of them all the Lord delivered me.

2 Tim 3:12 (KJV) 12 YEA, AND ALL THAT WILL LIVE GODLY IN CHRIST JESUS SHALL SUFFER PERSECUTION.

2 Tim 4:5 (KJV) 5 But watch thou in all things, ENDURE AFFLICTIONS, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

James 5:10-11 (KJV) 10 Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, FOR AN EXAMPLE OF SUFFERING AFFLICTION, AND OF PATIENCE.

James 5:11 (KJV) 11 Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

1 Peter 2:21 (KKJV) 21 For even hereunto were ye called: BECAUSE CHRIST ALSO SUFFERED FOR US, LEAVING US AN EXAMPLE, THAT YE SHOULD FOLLOW HIS STEPS:

1 Peter 4:13 (KJV) 13 BUT REJOICE, INASMUCH AS YE ARE PARTAKERS OF CHRIST'S SUFFERINGS; THAT, WHEN HIS GLORY SHALL BE REVEALED, YE MAY BE GLAD ALSO WITH EXCEEDING JOY.

THE APOSTLE JOHN IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS A COMPANION IN TRIBULATION FOR THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

Rev 1:9 (KJV) 9 I JOHN, WHO ALSO AM YOUR BROTHER, AND COMPANION IN TRIBULATION, AND IN THE KINGDOM AND PATIENCE OF JESUS CHRIST, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

JESUS CHRIST ENCOURAGES THE BRETHERN IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD TO BE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH.

Rev 2:10 (KJV) 10 FEAR NONE OF THOSE THINGS WHICH THOU SHALT SUFFER: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; AND YE SHALL HAVE TRIBULATION TEN DAYS: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

❖ **1 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 3 CONTINUED VERSE 5**

IN 1 THESSALONIANS 3:5, THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS ALWAYS CONCERNED ABOUT THE SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD.

THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THESSALONICA, THAT THEY WERE NOT OVERTHROWN BY SATAN IN THEIR PERSECUTIONS AND AFFLICTIONS FOR THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST AND THAT HIS LABOUR WAS NOT IN VAIN.

1 Thess 3:5 (KJV) 5 For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I SENT TO KNOW YOUR FAITH, LEST BY SOME MEANS THE TEMPTER HAVE TEMPTED YOU, AND OUR LABOUR BE IN VAIN.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE TEMPTER MAKING THE WORD OF THE KINGDOM UNFRUITFUL OR VAIN AFTER IT IS SOWN.

Matt 13:19-21 (KJV) 19 WHEN ANY ONE HEARETH THE WORD OF THE KINGDOM, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

Matt 13:20 (KJV) 20 But he that received the seed into stony places, THE SAME IS HE THAT HEARETH THE WORD, AND ANON WITH JOY RECEIVETH IT;

Matt 13:21 (KJV) 21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when TRIBULATION OR PERSECUTION ARISETH BECAUSE OF THE WORD, BY AND BY HE IS OFFENDED.

THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS ALWAYS CONCERNED THAT HE DID NOT LABOUR IN VAIN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT CORINTH. HE ENCOURAGED THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT CORINTH THAT THEY SHOULD KEEP IN MEMORY WHAT HE HAD PREACHED UNTO THEM OTHERWISE THEY WOULD BECOME UNFRUITFUL AND BELIEVE IN VAIN.

1 Cor 15:1-2 (KJV) 1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

1 Cor 15:2 (KJV) 2 BY WHICH ALSO YE ARE SAVED, IF YE KEEP IN MEMORY WHAT I PREACHED UNTO YOU, UNLESS YE HAVE BELIEVED IN VAIN.

THE APOSTLE PAUL DID NOT ALLOW THE GRACE OF GOD BY THE HOLY SPIRIT THAT WAS IN HIM TO BE IN VAIN AND CAUSE HIM TO BECOME UNFRUITFUL.

HE WAS ALSO CONCERNED THAT HIS LABOUR FOR THE GOSPEL WAS NOT IN VAIN.

1 Cor 15:10 (KJV) 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: AND HIS GRACE WHICH WAS BESTOWED UPON ME WAS NOT IN VAIN; BUT I LABOURED MORE ABUNDANTLY THAN THEY ALL: YET NOT I, BUT THE GRACE OF GOD WHICH WAS WITH ME.

THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS ALSO CONCERNED THAT THE LABOUR OF THE BRETHREN FOR THE GOSPEL WAS NOT IN VAIN.

1 Cor 15:58 (KJV) 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS CONCERNED THAT HE DID NOT LABOUR IN VAIN IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD IN GALATIA.

Gal 4:11 (KJV) 11 I AM AFRAID OF YOU, LEST I HAVE BESTOWED UPON YOU LABOUR IN VAIN.

THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS CONCERNED THAT HE DID NOT LABOUR IN VAIN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT PHILIPPI.

Phil 2:16-18 (KJV) 16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

Phil 2:17 (KJV) 17 Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all.

Phil 2:18 (KJV) 18 For the same cause also do ye joy, and rejoice with me.

THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS CONCERNED THAT HE DID NOT LABOUR IN VAIN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THESSALONICA.

1 Thess 2:1 (KJV) 1 FOR YOURSELVES, BRETHREN, KNOW OUR ENTRANCE IN UNTO YOU, THAT IT WAS NOT IN VAIN:

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE TEMPTATIONS THAT COMES FROM SATAN AND OUR OWN LUST.

1 Cor 10:13 (KJV) 13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer YOU TO BE TEMPTED ABOVE THAT YE ARE ABLE; BUT WILL WITH THE TEMPTATION ALSO MAKE A WAY TO ESCAPE, THAT YE MAY BE ABLE TO BEAR IT.

JESUS CHRIST ALSO EXPERIENCED THE TEMPTATION FROM THE DEVIL AND TEMPTATION IN THE FLESH AND WILL HELP US BY THE HOLY SPIRIT TO OVERCOME THE TEMPTATION THAT COMES OUR WAY.

Heb 2:18 (KJV) 18 FOR IN THAT HE HIMSELF HATH SUFFERED BEING TEMPTED, HE IS ABLE TO SUCCOUR THEM THAT ARE TEMPTED.

Heb 4:15-16 (KJV) 15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; BUT WAS IN ALL POINTS TEMPTED LIKE AS WE ARE, YET WITHOUT SIN.

Heb 4:16 (KJV) 16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

THE TEMPTATIONS THAT OVERCOME US IS BECAUSE OF US NOT YIELDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT AND ALLOWING OUR OWN LUST OF THE FLESH TO OVERCOME US.

James 1:13-14 (KJV) 13 LET NO MAN SAY WHEN HE IS TEMPTED, I AM TEMPTED OF GOD: FOR GOD CANNOT BE TEMPTED WITH EVIL, NEITHER TEMPTETH HE ANY MAN:

James 1:14 (KJV) 14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

❖ 1 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 3 CONTINUED VERSES 6-8

IN 1 THESSALONIANS 3:6-8, THE APOSTLE PAUL CONTINUED TO DESCRIBE HIS HEART'S DESIRE TO KNOW THE SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THESSALONICA IN THEIR PERSECUTIONS AND AFFLICTIONS.

TIMOTHEUS AND SILAS CAME FROM THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THESSALONICA TO MEET THE APOSTLE PAUL AT CORINTH AND PROVIDE THE APOSTLE PAUL WITH THE REPORT ON THE SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE BRETHREN IN THEIR PERSECUTION AND SUFFERINGS FOR THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

THE REPORT FROM TIMOTHEUS AND SILAS ON THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THESSALONICA WAS THAT THE BRETHREN WERE ABOUNDING IN THEIR FAITH AND LOVE AND WERE ALSO DESIROUS TO SEE THE APOSTLE PAUL.

THEY WERE NOT OVERCOME BY THE AFFLICTIONS AND PERSECUTIONS OF THE JEWS IN THE CITY OF THESSALONICA AND THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS COMFORTED BY THE FAITH AND LOVE OF THE BRETHREN DESPITE THEIR TRIBULATIONS AND PERSECUTIONS AND THAT HIS LABOUR WAS NOT IN VAIN.

1 Thess 3:6-8 (KJV) 6 BUT NOW WHEN TIMOTHEUS CAME FROM YOU UNTO US, AND BROUGHT US GOOD TIDINGS OF YOUR FAITH AND CHARITY, AND THAT YE HAVE GOOD REMEMBRANCE OF US ALWAYS, DESIRING GREATLY TO SEE US, AS WE ALSO TO SEE YOU:

1 Thess 3:7 (KJV) 7 THEREFORE, BRETHREN, WE WERE COMFORTED OVER YOU IN ALL OUR AFFLICTION AND DISTRESS BY YOUR FAITH:

1 Thess 3:8 (KJV) 8 FOR NOW WE LIVE, IF YE STAND FAST IN THE LORD.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON STANDING FAST IN THE FAITH OF JESUS CHRIST.

Rom 1:12 (KJV) 12 THAT IS, THAT I MAY BE COMFORTED TOGETHER WITH YOU BY THE MUTUAL FAITH BOTH OF YOU AND ME.

1 Cor 16:13 (KJV) 13 WATCH YE, STAND FAST IN THE FAITH, QUIT YOU LIKE MEN, BE STRONG.

Gal 5:1 (KJV) 1 STAND FAST THEREFORE IN THE LIBERTY WHEREWITH CHRIST HATH MADE US FREE, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

Phil 1:27 (KJV) 27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, THAT YE STAND FAST IN ONE SPIRIT, WITH ONE MIND STRIVING TOGETHER FOR THE FAITH OF THE GOSPEL;

Phil 4:1 (KJV) 1 Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, SO STAND FAST IN THE LORD, MY DEARLY BELOVED.

2 Thess 2:15 (KJV) 15 THEREFORE, BRETHREN, STAND FAST, AND HOLD THE TRADITIONS WHICH YE HAVE BEEN TAUGHT, WHETHER BY WORD, OR OUR EPISTLE.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES THAT THE APOSTLE PAUL'S LIFE AND SOUL WAS A SACRIFICE FOR THE FAITH OF THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCHES OF GOD.

THE APOSTLE PAUL STATED THAT THEIR LIVES OR SOULS WERE BEING SACRIFICED FOR THE FAITH OF THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THESSALONICA STANDING IN THE GOSPEL, SUCH WAS THEIR DESIRE FOR THE BRETHREN TO SUCCEED AND THAT THEIR LABOUR WAS NOT IN VAIN.

2 Cor 1:24 NOT FOR THAT WE HAVE DOMINION OVER YOUR FAITH, BUT ARE HELPERS OF YOUR JOY: FOR BY FAITH YE STAND.

Gal 2:20 (KJV) 20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; YET NOT I, BUT CHRIST LIVETH IN ME: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by THE FAITH OF THE SON OF GOD, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

1 Thess 2:8 (KJV) 8 SO BEING AFFECTIONATELY DESIROUS OF YOU, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, BUT ALSO OUR OWN SOULS, BECAUSE YE WERE DEAR UNTO US.

THE APOSTLE PAUL WROTE TO THE BRETHERN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT CORINTH THAT HIS SOUL WILL BE SPENT FOR THE FAITH OF BRETHERN.

2 Cor 12:14-15 (KJV) 14 Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be burdensome to you: FOR I SEEK NOT YOURS BUT YOU: for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children.

2 Cor 12:15 (KJV) 15 AND I WILL VERY GLADLY SPEND AND BE SPENT FOR YOU; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved.

❖ 1 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 3 CONTINUED VERSES 9-10

IN 1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-10, THE APOSTLE PAUL ASKED THE QUESTION TO THE BRETHERN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THESSALONICA SO THAT THEY WOULD KNOW THE DEPTH OF HIS THANKFULNESS AND JOY BECAUSE OF THEIR FAITH TOWARDS GOD AND LOVE FOR EACH OTHER AND TOWARDS ALL MEN IN ALL THEIR AFFLICTIONS AND PERSECUTIONS FOR THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

1 Thess 3:9-10 (KJV) 9 For what thanks can we render to God again for you, FOR ALL THE JOY WHEREWITH WE JOY FOR YOUR SAKES BEFORE OUR GOD;

1 Thess 3:10 (KJV) 10 Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, AND MIGHT PERFECT THAT WHICH IS LACKING IN YOUR FAITH?

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE APOSTLE PAUL DESIRING TO BE COMFORTED BY THE FAITH OF THE BRETHREN AND TO IMPART SPIRITUAL GIFT TO THEM.

Rom 1:11-13 (KJV) 11 FOR I LONG TO SEE YOU, THAT I MAY IMPART UNTO YOU SOME SPIRITUAL GIFT, TO THE END YE MAY BE ESTABLISHED;

Rom 1:12 (KJV) 12 THAT IS, THAT I MAY BE COMFORTED TOGETHER WITH YOU BY THE MUTUAL FAITH BOTH OF YOU AND ME.

Rom 1:13 (KJV) 13 Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (BUT WAS LET HITHERTO,) THAT I MIGHT HAVE SOME FRUIT AMONG YOU also, even as among other Gentiles.

THE APOSTLE PAUL STATED TO THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT PHILIPPI THAT HIS LIFE WAS AN OFFERING FOR THE SERVICE OF THE FAITH OF THE BRETHREN.

Phil 2:17-18 (KJV) 17 YEA, AND IF I BE OFFERED UPON THE SACRIFICE AND SERVICE OF YOUR FAITH, I joy, and rejoice with you all.

Phil 2:18 (KJV) 18 For the same cause also do ye joy, and rejoice with me.

1 Thess 2:17-19 (KJV) 17 But we, brethren, being taken from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavoured the more abundantly to see your face with great desire.

1 Thess 2:18 (KJV) 18 Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us.

1 Thess 2:19 (KJV) 19 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?

Heb 13:20-21 (KJV) 20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

Heb 13:21 (KJV) 21 MAKE YOU PERFECT IN EVERY GOOD WORK TO DO HIS WILL, WORKING IN YOU THAT WHICH IS WELLPLEASING IN HIS SIGHT, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 5:10 (KJV) 10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, MAKE YOU PERFECT, STABLISH, STRENGTHEN, SETTLE YOU.

❖ 1 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 3 CONTINUED VERSE 11

IN 1 THESSALONIANS 3:11, THE APOSTLE PAUL WROTE TO THE BRETHREN AT THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THESSALONICA THAT HIS DESIRE WAS TO SEE THEM BUT SATAN HINDERED THEM FROM RETURNING THROUGH THE PERSECUTION OF THE JEWS IN THESSALONICA.

HOWEVER, HE WAS HOPING FOR THE GOD THE FATHER AND JESUS CHRIST WOULD DIRECT OR GUIDE THEIR WAY TO RETURN BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

1 Thess 3:11 (KJV) 11 Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, DIRECT OUR WAY UNTO YOU.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON THE GREAT DESIRE THE APOSTLE PAUL HAD TO SEE THE BRETHREN IN THE CHURCH OF GOD AT THESSALONICA BUT WERE HINDERED BY SATAN.

1 Thess 2:17-18 (KJV) 17 But we, brethren, being taken from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, ENDEAVOURED THE MORE ABUNDANTLY TO SEE YOUR FACE WITH GREAT DESIRE.

1 Thess 2:18 (KJV) 18 WHEREFORE WE WOULD HAVE COME UNTO YOU, EVEN I PAUL, ONCE AND AGAIN; BUT SATAN HINDERED US.

❖ **1 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 3 CONTINUED VERSES 12-13**

IN 1 THESSALONIANS 3:12-13, THE APOSTLE PAUL WOULD HAVE WRITTEN THE EPISTLE IN THE TIMING OF THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS.

THE APOSTLE PAUL WAS ENCOURAGING THE BRETHERN TO BE BLAMELESS AT THE COMING OF THE LORD WITH HIS HOLY ANGELS AT THE LAST OF THE SEVENTH TRUMPET IN THE FULFILMENT OF THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS.

THE APOSTLE PAUL ENCOURAGED THE BRETHERN TO HAVE THE SAME LOVE OF GOD AS WAS DEMONSTRATED BY HIM WHEN HE VISITED THEM AND TO INCREASE IN THE LOVE OF GOD WHICH IS IMPARTED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OBEDIENCE TO THE WORDS OF THE SCRIPTURES.

1 Thess 3:12-13 (KJV) 12 And THE LORD MAKE YOU TO INCREASE AND ABOUND IN LOVE ONE TOWARD ANOTHER, AND TOWARD ALL MEN, even as we do toward you:

1 Thess 3:13 (KJV) 13 TO THE END HE MAY STABLISH YOUR HEARTS UNBLAMEABLE IN HOLINESS BEFORE GOD, even our Father, AT THE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST WITH ALL HIS SAINTS.

OTHER RELATED SCRIPTURES ON OUR HEARTS BEING ESTABLISHED.

**Rom 16:25-26 (KJV) 25 NOW TO HIM THAT IS OF POWER TO STABLISH YOU ACCORDING TO MY GOSPEL, AND THE PREACHING OF JESUS CHRIST, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,
Rom 16:26 (KJV) 26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:**

1 Thess 3:2-3 (KJV) 2 And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ, TO ESTABLISH YOU, AND TO COMFORT YOU CONCERNING YOUR FAITH:

1 Thess 3:3 (KJV) 3 That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto.

2 Thess 1:3 (KJV) 3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, BECAUSE THAT YOUR FAITH GROWETH EXCEEDINGLY, AND THE CHARITY OF EVERY ONE OF YOU ALL TOWARD EACH OTHER ABOUNDETH;

James 5:8 (KJV) 8 BE YE ALSO PATIENT; STABLISH YOUR HEARTS: FOR THE COMING OF THE LORD DRAWETH NIGH.

2 Peter 1:8 (KJV) 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 John 5:2-3 (KJV) 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

1 John 5:3 (KJV) 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

THE CHURCH OF GOD AT EPHESUS HAD LOST THEIR FIRST LOVE OF GOD.

Rev 2:4-5 (KJV) 4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because THOU HAST LEFT THY FIRST LOVE.

Rev 2:5 (KJV) 5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

Rev 3:2 (KJV) 2 BE WATCHFUL, AND STRENGTHEN THE THINGS WHICH REMAIN, THAT ARE READY TO DIE: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.