

## OUTLINE OF I THESSALONIANS CHAPTER THREE

### PAUL'S CURRENT DEALINGS WITH THE THESSALONIANS.

- A. Paul's desire for personal visit hindered. (2:17-3:10)
  - a. Paul's desire to see them. (2:17)
  - b. His efforts hindered. (2:18)
  - c. How much they meant to Paul. (2:19-20)
- B. Timothy sent to Thessalonica. ((3:1-5)
  - a. Paul remained at Athens alone. (1)
  - b. Timothy sent to establish and comfort them. (2-5)
    - i. So that they would not be moved by afflictions. (2-4)
      - 1. Afflictions will come to Christians. (3)
      - 2. Paul had warned them of afflictions. (2-4)
      - 3. They knew affliction had occurred.
    - ii. So that Paul could know of their faith. (5)
      - 1. Lest the tempter had tempted them.
      - 2. Lest his labor had been in vain.
- C. Joy upon Timothy's return. (6-10)
  - a. What Timothy reported. (6)
    - i. Their faith and charity (love).
    - ii. They had good remembrance of Paul always.
    - iii. They desired greatly to see Paul again.
  - b. Paul's reaction to Timothy's report. (7-10)
    - i. Comforted. (7)
    - ii. Caused to live. (9)
    - iii. Too thankful to express the extent of his joy. (9)
    - iv. Praying to see them again. (10)
- D. Conclusion: Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians. (11-13)
  - a. That God would direct his way unto them. (11)
  - b. That their love would increase and abound. (12-13)
    - i. Toward one another and to all men. (12)
    - ii. Abound as Paul's love abounded toward them. (12)
    - iii. Purpose of this petition – that their hearts would be established unblameable. (13)