

1 Thessalonians – Small Group Study Week Three

Verses for the week: 1 Thessalonians 3:6–13

But now Timothy has just returned, bringing us good news about your faith and love. He reports that you always remember our visit with joy and that you want to see us as much as we want to see you. So we have been greatly encouraged in the midst of our troubles and suffering, dear brothers and sisters, because you have remained strong in your faith. It gives us new life to know that you are standing firm in the Lord. How we thank God for you! Because of you we have great joy as we enter God's presence. Night and day we pray earnestly for you, asking God to let us see you again to fill the gaps in your faith. May God our Father and our Lord Jesus bring us to you very soon. And may the Lord make your love for one another and for all people grow and overflow, just as our love for you overflows. May he, as a result, make your hearts strong, blameless, and holy as you stand before God our Father when our Lord Jesus comes again with all his holy people. Amen.

Questions:

1. In these verses, you can sense Paul's love for the Thessalonians.
Why does he love them so much?
2. In verses 11–13, Paul offers a prayer for the Thessalonians.
What two things can we learn from his prayer about what's important to God?

Quote of the week: Resolution One: I will live for God. Resolution Two: If no one else does, I still will. Jonathan Edwards