

# 1 Thessalonians 3

King James Version (KJV)

**3** Wherefore when we could no longer forbear, we thought it good to be left at Athens alone;

<sup>2</sup>And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellow labourer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith: (Paul sent Timothy to them to teach them)

<sup>3</sup>That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto. (When problems happen deal with them as God would have you do)

<sup>4</sup>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. (The world hates Christianity. They will mess with you)

<sup>5</sup>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. (That's why Paul sent timothy to encourage them)

<sup>6</sup>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: (Timothy brought good news of them back to Paul. Their faith remained strong)

<sup>7</sup>Therefore, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith: (The news of their strong faith comforted Paul, who couldn't be there in person)

<sup>8</sup>For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord. (Stand for God, against the evils of the world)

<sup>9</sup>For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God;

<sup>10</sup>Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith? (Paul prayed for them that they would continue to learn to mature in their knowledge of God)

<sup>11</sup> Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you. (It would be another 5 years before Paul got to see them again)

<sup>12</sup> And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you: (May God bless them to be a gift to others)

<sup>13</sup> 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. (In the generation of the fig tree, when Jesus returns at the end of this Age)