

Notes for 1 Thessalonians chapter 3

Reference	Doctrine	Implication	Cross References	Notes
1 Thess. 3:1-2	Concern for the Brethren	Timothy was sent to check in on the believers in Thessalonica	Acts 17:14-15; Acts 16:2; Philippians 2:19-24	καταλειπω - leave, forsake
1 Thess. 3:2	Faith	Faith is described as something which should grow stronger	Acts 16:5; Philippians 1:25; 1 Peter 5:10	στηριζω - to make stable, place firmly, set fast, fix
1 Thess. 3:3-4	The Christian Life (suffering)	Paul had warned the new believers of persecution before it had happened	Matthew 10:16-18; John 15:20; Acts 14:22; 1 Peter 4:12-14	σαινω - to wag the tail; moved, shaken κειμαι - of things put or set in any place
1 Thess. 3:5	Concern for the Brethren	Paul speaks of “laboring in vain” - that his work would be for nothing	2 Corinthians 11:3, 13-15; Isaiah 49:4; Gal. 4:11; Phil. 2:16	πιστις - conviction of the truth of anything, belief
1 Thess. 3:6-8	Concern for the Brethren	Timothy returned with good news which comforted Paul and Silas	Acts 18:1-5; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Hebrews 10:23; Philippians 4:1	ευαγγελιζω - Good news; Gospel παρακαλεω - comforted; “Paraclete”
1 Thess. 3:9-10	Joy in progress of Christians	A heart-felt concern and love for the brethren is shown here	Psalms 71:14-15; Romans 1:12	ευχαριστια - Thanksgiving; “Eucharist” καταρτιζω - fit, sound, complete
1 Thess. 3:10	Prayer	Prayer was a regular part of Paul’s ministry, and encouraged it of others	Colossians 1:9; 4:12; 2 Corinthians 13:9	δεομαι - ask, beg; to want or need
1 Thess. 3:11	Concern for the Brethren	Paul’s prayer was to be able to visit the Thessalonians soon	Proverbs 3:5-6; 2 Thessalonians 3:5	θεος - “Theos” - the only and true God
1 Thess. 3:12	Love for Others	An important fruit of faith is love for the brethren (first) and others	Matthew 22:39; Romans 13:8; 1 John 3:16-18; 1 Thess. 4:9-10	πλεοναζω - superabound; exist in abundance
1 Thess. 3:13	Sanctification	We are established in holiness on that Day by the working of God	1 Corinthians 1:8; Colossians 1:22; 1 Thessalonians 5:23;	αμεμπτος - blameless, free from fault or defect
1 Thess. 3:13	Jesus’ Return	The “saints” will accompany Jesus on the Last Day	1 Corinthians 15:20-24; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17	αγιος - “holy” - as a characteristic of God; of things; and of persons