

1 Thessalonians 06 - (3:4-4:2)

Paul's Joy and Prayer

1. **3:1-3 – Appointed to affliction**
 - a. Continue in the work of faith – 1 Cor 15:58
 - b. The Lord delivered Paul by sound doctrine - 2 Tim 3:11-12 & 2 Cor 4:1
2. **3:4-5 – The Tempter**
 - a. “to know your faith” – Heb 11:1; Rom 10:17 – Faith is not a feeling
 - b. “labour in vain” – These Greeks were devout – Acts 17:4; Gal 4:9-11
 - c. *Who?* Satan, The Tempter - Gen 3:1; Mat 4:3, James 1:13
 - d. *What?* – Tribulation-1 Cor 10:13; flesh-Gal 4:13-14;
 - i. Riches-1 Tim 6:9; Friendship – 1 Thess 2:14
 - e. *How?* – we are not ignorant of his devices; - 2 Cor 2:11; Evil – Prov 8:13
 - i. Lust of flesh, eyes, and pride of life – 1 John 2:16
 - ii. Food, pleasant, and wise – Gen 3:6
 - iii. Sensual, luxury, and power – Mat 4:3-8
 - iv. When suffering comes, these temptations arise – Thess 3:5
 - v. Ministers of righteousness; of Satan - 2 Cor 11:15 (Gal 5:11)
 - f. *Why* does Satan tempt? – His glory – Isa 14:12-13
3. **3:6-8 – Paul's comfort**
 - a. “But now...” - time elements in the Bible are significant
 - b. Faith and charity – love towards each other - 1 cor 13:5
 - c. “we were comforted” – Paul's comfort becomes mutual – Rom 1:11-12
 - d. “we live...if” – Their ‘living’ was a result of Thess. standing fast
 - i. Example → Matt 22:45; Luke 12:28
4. **3:9-13 – Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians**
 - a. 9-10 - Paul's joys in their steadfastness ...Phm 1:20, Gal 5:22, 2 Cor 1:24
 - i. We joy in Jesus Christ! – Rom 5:11
 - ii. Paul assumes your enjoyment has changed - Rom 7:22
 - iii. Paul's prayer: Starts with thanksgiving with joy, zealous,
 - iv. He prays to “see your face” and “to perfect”
 - b. 11-13 – The prayer: He prays to God...
 - i. “God direct our way...” – Titus 3:12 → Paul determines
 - ii. “Lord make you ... “ - Rom 12:10; 1 Thess 4:9
 - iii. “he may stablish you”... - 1 Thess 3:2 Timothy was the minister
 - c. Holiness comes from love towards others: Col 3:14; 1 Cor 13:13
 - i. The abundance of love towards others – Phil 2:3-5
 - d. 3:13 – The coming of the Lord: 1:10 - deliverance, 2:19- joy, 3:13-
5. **4:1-2 – Furthermore... the abundant life**
 - a. Post-prayer action: Paul does the work of beseeching and exhort
 - b. Abound in the pleasing of God through their walk – Eph 2:10, Col 1:10
 - c. 4:2 - Commandments by the Lord – not MMLJ; these are Pauline