

Paul's Desire to Visit Again: Desire for their Blessing

1 Thessalonians 2:17 - 3:13

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Paul's Earnest Desire to be with Them: The Hindrance of Satan (2:17-20)

17 But we, brethren, having been bereaved of you and separated for a little moment in person, not in heart, have used more abundant diligence to see your face with much desire; **18** wherefore we have desired to come to you, even I Paul, both once and twice, and Satan has hindered us. **19** For what *is* our hope, or joy, or crown of boasting? *are* not "ye" also before our Lord Jesus at his coming? **20** for ye are our glory and joy.

The Sending of Timothy because Paul couldn't Wait (3:1-5)

CHAPTER 3

1 Wherefore, being no longer able to refrain ourselves, we thought good to be left alone in Athens, **2** and sent Timotheus, our brother and fellow-workman under God in the glad tidings of Christ, to confirm you and encourage *you* concerning your faith, **3** that no one might be moved by these afflictions. (For yourselves know that we are set for this; **4** for also, when we were with you, we told you beforehand we are about to be in tribulation, even

as also it came to pass, and ye know.) **5** For this reason “I” also, no longer able to refrain myself, sent to know your faith, lest perhaps the tempter had tempted you and our labour should be come to nothing.

The News from Timothy and Its Effect on the Apostle (3:6-10)

6 But Timotheus having just come to us from you, and brought to us the glad tidings of your faith and love, and that ye have always good remembrance of us, desiring much to see us, even as we also you; **7** for this reason we have been comforted in you, brethren, in all our distress and tribulation, through your faith, **8** because now we live if “ye” stand firm in *the* Lord. **9** For what thanksgiving can we render to God for you, for all the joy wherewith we rejoice on account of you before our God, **10** night and day beseeching exceedingly to the end that we may see your face, and perfect what is lacking in your faith?

God’s Desire for their Profit and Preservation (3:11-13)

11 But our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you. **12** But you, may the Lord make to exceed and abound in love toward one another, and toward all, even as we also towards you, **13** in order to the confirming of your hearts unblamable in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.