

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

1 Thess 3:11-13

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read 1 Thess 3:11-13.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

11 Now may our God and Father Himself and Jesus our Lord direct our way to you;

12 and may the Lord cause you to increase

and abound

in love

for one another,

and for all people,

just as we also do for you;

13 so that He may establish your hearts

without blame in holiness

before our God and Father

at the coming of our Lord Jesus

with all His saints.

1. What is the connection between the last section and this section?
2. What is Paul doing in these three verses?
3. What are the 3 main requests he makes?
4. Who does Paul pray to? Why does he address his prayer in this way?

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5. What does Paul mean when he prays that the Lord would “direct our way to you”?
6. How does this first prayer relate to what we’ve seen so far in 1 Thess.?
7. What does this request imply about God’s character/work?

❖ Day 2

Read 1 Thess 3:11-13 again.

8. What is Paul’s request in v. 12?
9. What is the limit of the love Paul prays for them to have?
10. What does it say about the character and work of God that Paul would pray this?
11. Who is their love to abound for?
12. Why does Paul mention “just as we also do for you”?

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13. Why does Paul pray for their love to increase and abound according to v. 13?

14. What connection does Paul draw between interpersonal love and final perseverance?

❖ Day 3

Read 1 Thess 3:11-13 again.

15. What does it mean “that He may establish your hearts”? How does the next phrase help explain what he means?

16. Before whom does Paul pray their hearts would be established? Why does he pray this?

17. When is this request aiming at?

18. Why does Paul mention the saints who will accompany the Lord at his return?

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19. Summarize the main thrust of this prayer.

20. How might this passage shape your prayers for others in the body?

In preparation for Sunday, pray the truths of this passage for SWBC.