

Summit Woods Baptist Church  
Sermon Study Equipping Class

1 Thessalonians 3:6-10

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 Thessalonians 3:6-10

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.

6 But now

that Timothy has come to us from you,  
and has brought us good news  
of your faith  
and love,  
and that you always think kindly of us,  
longing to see us  
just as we also long to see you,

7 for this reason, brethren,  
in all our distress  
and affliction

we were comforted about you  
through your faith;

8 for now we *really* live,  
if you stand firm in the Lord.

9 For what thanks can we render

to God  
for you  
in return  
for all the joy  
with which we rejoice  
before our God  
on your account,

10 as we night and day keep praying  
most earnestly  
that we may see your face,  
and may complete what is lacking  
in your faith?

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1. What is the nature of the contrast in verse 6? What is being contrasted?
2. What was the purpose of Timothy's trip?
3. What was the good news that Timothy brought back to Paul? What are the components of this good news?
4. Compare the above answer with 1:3. What similarities do you see?
5. What is the reason that Paul and his ministry associates were comforted?
6. Why was this comforting news to Paul?

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**7. How might Paul's condition of suffering be of importance to the Thessalonians?**

❖ Day 2

**Read 1 Thessalonians 3:6-10**

**8. What does Paul mean by saying that now he really lives?**

**9. How is the word "live" used throughout the book of 1 Thessalonians?**

**10. What is the condition on which Paul's "really living" occurs?**

**11. What does it mean to stand firm as stated in verse 8?**

**12. How does one stand in the Lord? What would it look like to not stand in the Lord?**

**13. How many times has Paul expressed thanksgiving or gratitude for the Thessalonians in this letter so far?**

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**14. Why does Paul express thanksgiving according to verse 9?**

❖ Day 3

**Read 1 Thessalonians 3:6-10.**

**15. What is the significance of the nature of the prayers of Paul and his peers for the Thessalonians?**

**16. What would it look like to pray without earnestness?**

**17. Does Paul really mean night and day? Did he ever cease to pray? If so, what does he mean by saying this?**

**18. What are Paul and his ministry partners praying for?**

**19. Who is the one completing the lacking parts of the faith of the Thessalonians?**

**20. How can faith be lacking?**

**21. What does it mean to complete what is lacking?**

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**22. Summarize this passage in one sentence.**