

Paul's Longing to See the Thessalonians - 1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:5

Topics: Encouragement, Future, Persecution, Rewards, Satan, Separation, Temptation

Open It

1. If you were accused of a crime you didn't commit, how would you respond?
- * 2. How do you encourage a friend who is feeling down and hopeless?

Explore It

3. How did Paul describe his departure and separation from the Thessalonians? (2:17)
4. What stopped Paul from returning to Thessalonica? (2:18)
5. What did Paul say would be his crown or reward at the Second Coming of the Lord? (2:19)
6. Why did Paul consider the Thessalonians his glory and joy? (2:20)
- * 7. Whom did the apostles send to Thessalonica to check up on the church? (3:2)
- * 8. What was Timothy's mission? (3:2)
9. What did Paul say about trials? (3:3)
10. What concern did Paul have for the Thessalonian church? (3:3-5)
11. What did Paul think might undercut the faith of the new believers at Thessalonica? (3:3-5)
- * 12. Why did Paul send someone to check on the Thessalonians? (3:5)

Get It

13. How does Satan hinder or stop our efforts or plans?
- * 14. How can investing your life in someone pay eternal dividends?
15. What personal accomplishments will count for something when we stand in the presence of Christ?
- * 16. What practical things can we do to strengthen and encourage others in their faith?
17. How can opposition discourage and damage the faith of a young believer?
18. How could you help a young believer whose faith has been damaged by opposition or discouragement?

Apply It

19. This week, how could you resist the temptations that hinder your spiritual progress?
- * 20. What younger believer can you help get established in the faith? How?