



1 Thessalonians: *Living in Light of Christ's Return*

Part 2: 1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:10

Introduction

1. He longs to see them again (1 Thessalonians 2:17-20)
2. He is willing to sacrifice to provide for them (1 Thessalonians 3:1-5)
3. He is thrilled to hear that they are doing well (1 Thessalonians 3:6-13)

He longs to see them again

1. Torn away

❖ **1 Thessalonians 2:17**

2. Again and again

❖ **1 Thessalonians 2:18**

3. They are his hope, joy, and crown at Christ's return

❖ **1 Thessalonians 2:19-20**

❖ Galatians 6:14—*But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ*

▶ **Satan hindered us (sidebar)**

❖ Matthew 16:18—*...I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

❖ Psalm 115:3—*Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.*

❖ Isaiah 46:9-11 —*... "I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,' calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of my counsel from a far country. I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it."*

He is willing to sacrifice to provide for them

❖ **1 Thessalonians 3:1-5**

1. He sent Timothy to build them up

2. He was deeply worried about false conversions



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❖ **1 Thessalonians 3:5**

- ❖ Ephesians 1:13-14— *In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it,*
- ❖ Philippians 1:6— *And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. He is thrilled to hear that they are doing well*
- ❖ Romans 8:38-39— *For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

He is thrilled to hear that they are doing well.

❖ **1 Thessalonians 3:6-10**

- 1. Timothy's good report**
- 2. Paul's grateful response**