



TO THE CHURCH OF THE
THESSALONIANS

CHAPTER 3

Their Trial



Their Experience of Trial (vv. 1-5)

The Danger (vv. 1-3a, 5b)

- Paul's anxiety for them speaks to the danger to their faith (vv. 1-2) (*cf. Matthew 13:20-21*)
- He did not want them to be shaken, knowing Satan was tempting them (vv. 3a, 5b) (*cf. 2 Corinthians 12:7*)



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The Protection (vv. 2b, 3b-5)

- Knowledge (v. 3b) – *John 15:18-20; 1 Peter 4:12*
- Warning (v. 4) – *Luke 14:25-30*
- Encouragement (vv. 2, 5) – *Psalms 1:3; Hebrews 3:13*



Their Steadfastness in Trial

(vv. 6-10)

Their Faithfulness (vv. 6, 8)

- Timothy had brought good news about the Thessalonians (v. 6) (*cf. Philemon 7*)
 - Faith (1:3) – *cf. Colossians 1:21-23*
 - Love (1:3) – *cf. Hebrews 13:1; 1 Timothy 6:11*
 - Remembrance of Paul et. al – *cf. Galatians 4:12-20*
- They “*stand fast in the Lord*” (v. 8)



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Their Comfort Provided (vv. 7-10)

- Their faith was a great comfort to Paul and his companions in their struggles (vv. 7-8) – *cf. 2 Corinthians 1:6-7*
- Paul's anxiety is transformed into thanksgiving (vv. 9-10).



Their Increase in Love in Trial

(vv. 6-10)

The Need for Love to Increase (vv. 11-12)

- Paul's desire and prayer is for their increase in love (v. 12) – 4:9-10; 1 Peter 4:7-11 – love is a key ingredient to persevering through trial and bringing God glory.
 - Example of love – (v. 11)

The Goal of Love (v. 13) – preparation for judgment. (5:23-24)



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