

OUT OF SIGHT, DOESN'T MEAN OUT OF MIND pt 2
(1 Thessalonians 2:17-20)

III. PAUL'S GODLY MINISTRY TO THE THESSALONIANS (2:1-20)

A. The CONDUCT of Paul And His Team to the Thessalonians (2:1-12)

B. The RESPONSE of the Thessalonians (2:13-16)

1. One of **blessing** to the believer in Christ
2. One of **cursing** to the rejectors of Christ.

C. The IMPASSIONED CONCERN of Paul for The Believers at Thessalonica (2:17-20)

1. Paul's _____ & _____ for them in light of their _____ (2:17-18b)

*How was this expressed?

- a. He called them beloved _____ (adelphos) in the Lord.

*What does this term mean or imply?

- b. He tells us his _____ from them ...

- 1) was _____ "*... we having been taken away from you...*"

- 2) was only _____ "*... for a short time...*"

- 3) was only _____ "*... in presence, not in _____...*"

- c. His _____ for them...

- 1) was _____ ... "*we _____ more eagerly to see your face with great _____.*"

- 2) was repeatedly _____ ... "*therefore, we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again...*"

2. Paul's understanding of the _____ and his _____ (2:18) ... "*...but _____ us.*"

- What are some things we need to understand when it comes to *Satan*?

- 1) He seeks to "hinder" (egkopto) us

- 2) "*the whole world lies under the sway or _____ of the Wicked One*" (1 Jn. 5:19)

- 3) He is the god of this world & he _____ of all unbelievers to God's truth! (2 Cor. 4:3-4)

- 4) Peter warns us ... (1 Peter 5:8)

- Who is Satan anyway?

3. Paul's _____ in light of Christ's promised _____ (2:19-20)

a. It was _____. "...for what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing..."

- What should "receive crowns" remind you of?
- What do we know about this event?

b. (Paul's perspective) It was _____. "... is it not even you..."

c. (Paul's perspective) It was _____ and _____. "...in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His _____."

- What was Paul expecting?

"coming" (parousia) =

*What do we know about this word?

d. His expectation for the Thessalonians was full of _____ and it was for God's _____. "...For _____ are our glory and joy."

- What does all this mean to you?