

**THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE REPORT FROM TIMOTHY
(1 Thessalonians 3:1-8)**

IV. PAUL'S DESIRE TO ESTABLISH THE THESSALONIAN BELIEVERS (3:1-13)

A. The Sending Of Timothy To Them (3:1-5)

1. Paul's desire in sending Timothy was two-fold:

a) To _____ the believers at Thessalonica, and...

b) To _____ them...

*What was this concerning?

2. Paul's hope for them was (3:1a) ... "*that no one should be _____ by these _____.*"

*What does Paul mean when he says, "*for you yourselves _____ that we are _____ to this*"?

1) Paul had taught them to _____ suffering and trial as part of receiving _____ as their Savior from sin.

2) They were to remember that the trials and afflictions that come upon us as believers are _____ by God for our _____.

3. Paul's **reason** for sending Timothy to them was regarding their need to _____ and _____ in their Christian lives.

4. This was ever a _____ of Paul for the _____ he established.

*Where can we see this illustrated in scripture?

2 Cor. 11:28

Acts 20 :17-ff

2 Timothy 4:1-ff

*Who is behind all this opposition & deception?

5. Paul knew that the enemy could _____ these believers and that his labor there may have been_____.

B. The Report From Timothy (3:6-8)

1. The *nature* of the report was_____. (3:6a)

*How is this word normally used in scripture?

2. What was the *content* of this report?

a. Its *primary content* was about the Thessalonians on-going _____and _____ amidst the suffering and affliction they were enduring.

b. Its *personal aspect* indicated they refused to believe the false _____ that were circulating concerning the Apostle Paul and his missionary team.

*How was this care demonstrated? (3:6c)

c. The *result* was that Paul's team was greatly _____ by this report. (3:7-8)

- Why was this so helpful?
- What was the evidence to this?

*How did Paul express his encouragement concerning the Thessalonians?

*What did this mean?

*What should all this mean to you?

C. The Response of Paul in Light of the Report (3:9-13)