

CALVARY CHAPEL SOUTH BAY  
**MEN <sup>OF</sup> THE WORD**  
MEN'S MINISTRY  
2021-2022

**1 Thessalonians - "The Coming of the Lord"**

**Session 8**

**1 Thessalonians 3:6-10 (NKJV)**

**"Our fellowship of faith"**

Paul was comforted by the Thessalonians love for him and their faith in Jesus. It brought him great joy. Yet he would not allow them to be complacent in their faith. Therefore, even as he gives thanks to God for their faith, he prays for the opportunity to see them in person that he might "perfect what is lacking" in it. Our fellowship in the faith can be a great source of comfort and joy, but part of that fellowship of faith is encouraging one another to continue to grow in it. Do you have brothers who exhort you in your walk of faith? Do you have those you exhort? Allow the Holy Spirit to use this week's passage to impress on you the importance of a growing faith and the fellowship we share in it.

**Personal Study Time Questions:**

**Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 3:6-7**

What was the "good news" that Timothy brought to Paul? What affect did it have on Paul in the midst of his "affliction and distress"?

**Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 3:9**

It wasn't merely for his own comfort that Paul was thankful for their faith and love. What did Paul render thanks to God for?

**Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 3:8**

What will our faith cause us to do?

**Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 3:10**

What does Paul's prayer suggest we must do in regards to our faith if we are to stand fast in the Lord?

**Scripture: Romans 1:11-12**

Paul wanted to "see their face" that he might perfect (help mature) their faith. What does he say in Romans 1 that reveals that he needs this encouragement in the faith as much as they?

**Scripture: Philippians 3:12-14**

How would you sum up what Paul says in this passage about not getting complacent in our faith?

**Group Discussion:**

Paul's comfort and joy and thanks at the confirmation of the faith the Thessalonians had lets us know just how important and foundational it is for our lives. So vital, that he wouldn't allow anything, including Satan, stop him from making sure they were standing strong in it. Do you have such concern and care for your own faith, and for the faith of your brothers in Christ? Are there those who encourage you in your faith, and those you actively encourage? How can you prioritize the kind of fellowship where you might be encouraged even as you encourage others in the faith? Pray to be like Paul; that nothing will stand in your way to do so.

**Hiding God's Word in your heart (Ps. 119:11):**

"For what thanks can we render to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sake before our God, night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face and perfect what is lacking in your faith?"

1 Thessalonians 3:9-10