

## 1 Thessalonians 3

- 1) We know from Acts 17:15-16 that from Athens, Paul sent for Timothy and Silas, and that he “waited” for them there. However, the historical narrative of Acts does not mention their arrival in Athens. What do the early verses of 1 Thessalonians 3 *imply* regarding this matter?
- 2) What were Timothy’s teaching duties (topics) at Thessalonica?
- 3) How do we know that the “we” of verse 3 and 4 is not limited to just the *apostles*? (*hint: 1 Thess. 2:14 + 2 Tim. 3:12*)
- 4) To what “tribulation” does Paul refer to that the Thessalonians “knew about”? (*hint: Acts 17:5-8*)
- 5) Who is “the tempter?” (*hint: Matt. 4:3-ff.*)
- 6) According to Acts 18:5 (see context), where was Paul when Timothy returned to him from Thessalonica?
  - a) What kind of news did Paul get? How was he affected by it?
- 7) *Thought Question:* The last verses of chapter 2 and most of chapter 3 are a defense of Paul’s care and concern for the Thessalonian saints:
  - a) Given the hurried circumstances of Paul’s departure from Thessalonica (Acts 17:10), and the nature of Paul’s enemies there, what accusations may have been made against Paul (that are then refuted in these verses)?
- 8) List the objectives of Paul’s prayer for the Thessalonians (vs. 10-13):