



1 Thessalonians 3

1 Thessalonians 3 – How the Church was Established.

I. The purpose of believers coming alongside one another v1-4

- A. The Church and the individual are primarily equipped by the full council of God's Word.
- B. The Church is also established by individuals who have a desire to see others established and encouraged in a relationship with Jesus Christ.
- C. The Church is established by obstacles being addressed and overcome.
- D. The Church is established by being reminded, having stirred up from within the truths of God's Word

II. Timothy's encouraging report v6-8

- E. The Church is established by remembering others who have poured into us and pressing forward in the Love of Christ towards others, and not getting pressed off course by our circumstances or the culture around us.

III. Thanksgiving v9-10

- F. The Church is established by fervent prayer.

IV. Focus on the Lord and His work v11-13

- G. The Church is established by praising and worshiping the Lord
- H. The Church is established by recognizing who He is and what only He can do.

Key Word: Stand Fast 1 Thessalonians 3:8,

1 Thessalonians 3:1-5

The Church in Thessalonica was established the same way any Body of Believers or any individual. Its through receiving and growing in the Word and Love of Christ which is made known to us through the testimony of the Holy Spirit and by faithful laborers in the Biblical Gospel of Christ so that we are further established and encouraged in trusting the Lord and when obstacles do arise the Church is further established by those obstacles being addressed and overcome.

Paul is implying here that there is a way and a means by which the believer shouldn't and won't be shaken or moved no matter how subtle or drastic the force pulling on us; and further implies in verse five, that there is something by which we are able to be strengthened by and against the tactics of Satan.

1 Thessalonians 3:6-8

The Church has been given the Holy Spirit and faithful examples of others so that we may endure till the end and not be shaken by the various afflictions we may encounter through life. We overcome by standing fast in what God has done and move forward in relationship with Him and what He desires to do. We continue in that forward progress of allowing Him to sanctify us and not returning to the things of our life before He made us new.

1 Thessalonians 9-10

Having a prayer life which takes advantage of every opportunity to seek the Lord and be dependent upon Him for His work in our lives to strengthen and establish us by His means.

1 Thessalonians 3:11-13

The Lord Directs; cause increase; causes us to be established, The most import thing for us to increase in is: Love... and that's how He establishes our hearts blameless, and the purpose is so that we will be made perfect and blameless at our time of meeting Christ.

There is one overarching thing that the Lord encourages and desires to see the Thessalonians to be established in and Paul writes to them about; that they won't have the work of faith and labor of love shaken loose., and instead that they would stand fast in the Work that Christ has done in them to the measure which they presently have been made and that they would further abound in it as we'll see in 1 Thessalonians 4.

How do we then continue to Hold Fast and Stand Strong:

1 Thess 1:5-8 – We stand on the pure proclamation of the Word of God and the power of the Holy Spirit.

1 Thess 2:1-12 – We let the Love of God which the Spirit brings into our lives to be the motivating factor of our labor.

1 Thess 2:13-20 – We rely on the Word of God and don't start to rely on something else for our Peace and fulfillment.

1 Thess 3:1-12 – stand with those who are faithful in their callings

1 Thess 3:11-13 – stand in the enabling of the Lord, and not in our own enabling.

1 Thess 4:1-12 – stand in our sanctification, allow the Lord to continue His work of transforming us into an image likeness of the life of Christ.

1 Thess 4:13-18 – stand with the expectation of Christ's return.

1Thess 5:1-11 – an awareness of God's return for the Church, not only an expectation of its imminence but an understanding of what its meaning and purpose.

1 Thess 5:12-22 – Principles to stand firm in.

1 Thess 5:23-28 – Stand till the end, continue, when something happens, move forward. Allow the Lord to complete His Work.