



Study Guide

Lesson 5

“Learning To Stand”

Before a child can walk, he must learn to stand. Usually the father and mother teach the child to stand and then to walk. Paul was “spiritual parent” to these believers, but he had been forced to leave Thessalonica. How, then, could he help these young Christians learn to stand in the trials of life?

In the first two chapters, Paul explained how the church was born and nurtured. Now he dealt with the next step in maturity: how the church was to stand. The key word in this chapter is *establish* (1 Thes. 3:2, 13). The key thought is expressed in 1 Thessalonians 3:8: “For now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord.”

Paul explained three ministries that he performed to help these new Christians become firmly established.

He Sent A Helper 3:1-5

1. Paul sent a helper named _____ to _____ and _____ the Thessalonians in their _____. (3:1-2)
2. Two phrases are used by Paul to describe the character of Timothy. What are they? _____ and _____ - _____. (3:2)
3. Paul had warned the Thessalonians to expect _____. (3:4) Why did Paul worry about the Thessalonians being persecuted? He was afraid they would _____. (3:5)

He Wrote Them A Letter 3:6-8

1. In his letter he told of Timothy’s report of the Thessalonians. He told Paul three things that the Thessalonians did: (1) their _____ and _____, their _____ and their _____ to see _____. (3:6)
2. Paul was _____ in all his _____ and _____ because of the Thessalonian’s _____. (3:7)
3. Since Paul heard of their faith, he could now really _____. (3:8)

He Prayed For Them 3:9-13

1. How often did Paul pray for them? _____ and _____. (3:10)
2. Paul prayed that the Father and the Lord Jesus would _____ the way for them to _____. (3:11)
3. Paul prayed that the Lord would make their _____ increase and _____ for each other and for everyone else. (3:12).
4. Paul prayed that God would _____ their hearts so that they would be _____ and _____ in the presence of the Lord. (3:13)