

1 Thes. 3:6-10

- I. Timothy told us the good news that you are remaining faithful (6)
 - A. When Timothy came to me from you (6a)
 - B. And he told me the good news about you (6b-e)
 - 1. And he told me the good news of your faith and love (6b)
 - 2. [And he told me] that you miss us and long to see us (6c-e)
 - a That you always have good memory of us (6c)
 - b Specifically: (6d-e)
 - 1) You are longing to see us (6d)
 - 2) Just as we [are longing to see] you (6e)
- II. Result: We are celebrating as if we had come back to life (7-10)
 - A. Brothers, we were encouraged (7)
 - 1. Because of this
 - 2. about you
 - 3. in all our distress and trouble
 - 4. because of your faith
 - B. Explanation: We have figuratively come back to life at the news (8-10)
 - 1. We now live since you are standing firm (8)
 - a Because we now live (8a)
 - This shows Paul's heart
 - That he cared so much for the young church
 - That he was so relieved that they are standing firm
 - b Condition: Since you are standing firm in the Lord (8b)
 - 2. Explanation: We are celebrating the news and praying for you (9-10)
 - a We are able to give back thanksgiving to God (9)
 - 1) concerning you
 - 2) upon all joy
 - 3) with which we are rejoicing before our God because of you
 - b By praying that we might see and help you (10)
 - 1) Praying night and day to an extraordinary degree (10a)
 - Cf. 2:9 Paul worked night and day, here he prays night and day
 - 2) Purpose: that we might see and help you (10b-c)
 - a) In order to see your face (10b)
 - b) And in order to fix any deficiency or shortcoming of your faith (10c)
 - Remember this is a very young church