

Now We Can Really Live

1 Thessalonians 3:1–13 (NIV) — (1) So when we could stand it no longer, we thought it best to be left by ourselves in Athens. (2) We sent Timothy, who is our brother and God’s fellow worker in spreading the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you in your faith, (3) so that no one would be unsettled by these trials. You know quite well that we were destined for them. (4) In fact, when we were with you, we kept telling you that we would be persecuted. And it turned out that way, as you well know. (5) For this reason, when I could stand it no longer, I sent to find out about your faith. I was afraid that in some way the tempter might have tempted you and our efforts might have been useless. (6) But Timothy has just now come to us from you and has brought good news about your faith and love. He has told us that you always have pleasant memories of us and that you long to see us, just as we also long to see you. (7) Therefore, brothers, in all our distress and persecution we were encouraged about you because of your faith. (8) For now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord. (9) How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? (10) Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith. (11) Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. (12) May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. (13) May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

I) **Paul Was Downtrodden**

II) **Paul was Encouraged**

III) **Paul Was Preaching And Rejoicing**

Revelation 21:8 (NIV) — (8) But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

Revelation 22:12–16 (NLT) — (12) “Look, I am coming soon, bringing my reward with me to repay all people according to their deeds. (13) I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.” (14) Blessed are those who wash their robes. They will be permitted to enter through the gates of the city and eat the fruit from the tree of life. (15) Outside the city are the dogs—the sorcerers, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idol worshipers, and all who love to live a lie. (16) “I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this message for the churches. I am both the source of David and the heir to his throne. I am the bright morning star.”

1 Corinthians 6:9–10 (NLT) — (9) Don’t you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don’t fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, (10) or are thieves,

or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God.

Leviticus 11:44 (NLT) — (44) For I am the LORD your God. You must consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am holy. So do not defile yourselves with any of these small animals that scurry along the ground.

1 Peter 1:15–16 (NLT) — (15) But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. **(16)** For the Scriptures say, “You must be holy because I am holy.”