



## Introduction

*Paul is pleased by Timothy's encouraging report of the Thessalonians.*



## Questions

1. What had Paul told them beforehand?
2. What is Paul's prayer for them?
3. What is Paul's long-term desire for them at the coming of Jesus?



## Summary Points

- **v 1 to 5** Paul had sent Timothy from Athens to ensure their faith was not discouraged by their problems
- **v 6 and 7** Timothy returned with good news about how faithfully the believers were coping
- **v 8 to 10** Paul thanks God for their standing fast in the Lord and wants to see them again to help them further in their faith
- **v 11 to 13** Paul prays to God for three things:
  - that he be allowed to visit the Thessalonians again
  - that their love for one another (see theme) will increase
  - that they may be found blameless at the coming of the Lord Jesus

**Timeline** 60 AD (see below)



## Theme

### **Love should be central in our lives**

*A selection of verses showing how this theme runs consistently through the Bible.*

God tells the Israelites that they should show love to all including those from other nations:

*Leviticus 19 verse 18 and 34*

God tells the Israelites to love him:

*Deuteronomy 6 verse 5*

The book of Proverbs gives a practical reason for showing love:

*Proverbs 10 verse 12*

Several New Testament letters encourage us to show love in our lives:

*1 Thessalonians 3 verse 12*

*1 Timothy 1 verse 5*

*1 Peter 4 verse 8*

The apostle John tells us the importance of showing love in our lives:

*1 John 4 verse 7 and 11*



## Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 4, Q 2: v 10, Q 3: v 13

## Bible timeline

