

1 Thessalonians 3:1-5

Three Words, Four Questions

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1. Faith (verses 2 and 5)
2. Afflictions (verses 3 and 4)
3. Fear (verse 5)

Four questions;

Questions #1 (Verse 5);

What was it about their faith that Paul wanted to find out about?

Four questions;

Questions #2 (Verse 2);

How is faith strengthened and encouraged?

Four questions;

Question #3 (verses 3-4);

How are we to understand and respond to the afflictions for which we have been destined?

Four questions;

Question #4 (verse 5);

What temptation does Paul fear, that could cause their labor to be in vain?

QUESTION #1;

What was it about their faith that Paul wanted to find out about?

verse 5;

...I also sent to find out about your faith...

1 Corinthians 1:18;

For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

QUESTION #2;

How is faith strengthened and encouraged?

2 Thessalonians 1:3;

We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brethren, as is only fitting, because your faith is greatly enlarged...

QUESTION #3;

How are we to understand and respond to the afflictions for which we have been destined?

verses 3-4:

3 so that no one would be disturbed by these afflictions; for you yourselves know that we have been destined for this. 4 For indeed when we were with you, we kept telling you in advance that we were going to suffer affliction; and so it came to pass, as you know.

QUESTION #4;

What temptation does Paul fear, that could result in their labor having been in vain?

verse 5;

...for fear that the tempter might have tempted you
and our labor would be in vain

Ephesians 3.10-11;

10 so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places. 11 This was in accordance with the eternal purpose which He carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord