

Pastor's Pen

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Satan prevented us.....

Dear brothers and sisters, after we were separated from you for a little while (though our hearts never left you), we tried very hard to come back because of our intense longing to see you again. ¹⁸We wanted very much to come, and I, Paul, tried again and again, but Satan prevented us. 1Thes.2:17

How are we to understand a statement like this. The great apostle Paul says they wanted to visit the church and tried again and again but they were prevented by Satan.

It tells us that though Satan is a defeated foe for the here and now he is a formidable enemy and the contest is real. We combat the powers of darkness in real terms every day. Though we have the ultimate victory Satan is allowed to hamper and hinder our progress. He does his best to berate us and get us to quit.

Warfare language is used by Paul like putting on the armor of God daily to withstand Satan's onslaughts.

Be ever vigilant, be on guard and treat this world as it is, a spiritual battleground!

God bless the church,

Pastor Chambers