

# 1 Thessalonians

**Faith, Hope, Love**  
**The Lord Is Coming**

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# 1 Thessalonians 3:1

<sup>1</sup> Therefore when we could endure it no longer, we thought it best to be left behind at Athens alone,  
<sup>2</sup> and we sent Timothy...

Acts 17:1–9 Thessalonica

Acts 17:10–13 Berea

Acts 17:14–15 Paul, Athens; sends for Silas and Timothy

Acts 18:1–5 Paul, Corinth; Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia



MACEDONIA

THRACE

BLACK

Philippi

Neapolis

Amphipolis

Thessalonica

Thasos

MARMARA  
SEA

Berea

Apollonia

Samothrace

Troas

Lemnos

Assos

ASIA

Lesbos

Pergamum

Thyatira

Mitylene

AEGEAN  
SEA

Chios

Euboea

Sardis

Philadelphia

Smyrna

Athens

Ephesus

Hierapolis

Corinth

Cenchreae

Samos

Laodicea

Colossae

ACHAIA

Patmos

CARIA

# 1 Thessalonians 3:1–2

<sup>1</sup> Therefore when we could endure it no longer, we thought it best to be left behind at Athens alone,  
<sup>2</sup> and we sent Timothy, our brother and God's fellow worker in the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you as to your faith,

1 Corinthians 16:10; Philippians 2:19–22

# 1 Thessalonians 3:3–4

<sup>3</sup> so that no one would be disturbed by these afflictions; for you yourselves know that we have been destined for this. <sup>4</sup> 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.

1 Peter 4:12–13

Romans 5:1–5

# 1 Thessalonians 3:5

<sup>5</sup> For this reason, when I could endure it no longer, I also sent to find out about your faith, for fear that the tempter might have tempted you, and our labor would be in vain.