

**First Thessalonians Study**  
**Questions for First Thessalonians 3:6- 13**

1. When Paul says that Timothy has brought us "good news," he uses the verb (euangelizomai) usually associated with the preaching of the gospel. What was the "good news" Timothy brought back from Thessalonica? (v6). Why was the report Paul received a "gospel" to his ears?
  
2. In verses 6-8, what did Timothy report about the Thessalonian believers? What is it specifically that comforts Paul in his distress and affliction? What does Paul say is "life" for him? (v8). Paul here is not talking about some passing occurrence but a continuing life that he experiences. What is it about the Thessalonian believers that produce that kind of reaction in Paul?
  
3. In verses 9-10, for what does Paul give thanks to God? What is Paul's main concern for the new believers in Thessalonica and what is Paul's prayer for them in these verses? What do you thank God for? How does Paul's prayer intersect with your prayers for other believers?
  
4. In Paul's prayer in verse 11, "The Lord Jesus" is linked with "God Himself and our Father." To whom is Paul referring when he says "may the Lord"? In verses 11-12 what specifically does Paul pray for and when will the ultimate answer to these prayers become discovered?
  
5. How can this letter to the Thessalonians particularly help new Christians in their faith? What does it mean to "stand fast in the Lord" and why did Paul encourage the Thessalonians to do so? How does Paul's exhortation apply to you today?