

NOW WE LIVE, IF YOU STAND FAST

1 THESSALONIANS 3:6-9 - NOVEMBER 19, 2023

Introduction: the decisive moment

1. Christian faithfulness is _____ indeed.

a. They were continuing to demonstrate the essential characteristics of true conversion

1 Thessalonians 1:3, the gospel produces:

Work motivated by faith, 1:3 = _____, 3:6

Labor motivated by love, 1:3 = _____, 3:6

Steadfastness motivated by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, 1:3 = _____, 3:8

1 Corinthians 16:13 *Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.*

Stand firm against self-righteousness and self-
_____ (Philippians 4:1)

Stand firm against the temptation to make earthly pleasures your
_____ (Philippians 4:1)

Stand firm against _____ opponents (Philippians 1:27)

Stand firm against _____ teachings (2 Thessalonians 2:15)

Stand firm against the burden of _____ (Galatians 5:1)

- b. They had good memories of Paul and longed to see him again**

2. The faithfulness of our brothers and sisters is cause for _____, thanksgiving, and _____

- a. The faithfulness of others can encourage us**

- b. The faithfulness of others is cause for abundant thanksgiving to God**

- c. The faithfulness of others can produce deep joy in us**

Romans 16:19; 2 Corinthians 7:4; Philippians 1:5, 2:2, 4:1; 1 Thessalonians 2:20; Hebrews 13:17; 2 John 4, 12; 3 John 3, 4

3. The faithfulness of our brothers and sisters whom we serve is a life-giving encouragement to us

Conclusion

- 1. Don't take perseverance for granted.**

2. We need to hear about each other's continuing faithfulness.

3. Believe that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

Matthew 16:25 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Acts 20:35 "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

2 Corinthians 4