

The Church Under Pressure – 1 Thessalonians 3

I. Christian Affliction

1. Timothy was sent to the church to encourage their _____. (v. 2)
 - a. Paul was concerned the church would be “shaken” by the _____ he suffered. (v. 3)
 __ FF __ C _____
2. Paul was under pressure to stop teaching the gospel of C __ R __ T.
 - a. Today, the church is under pressure to stop teaching the whole T __ U ____.
3. John the Baptist was _____ for teaching the truth. (Mark 6:27)
4. Stephen was _____ to death for preaching the truth. (Acts 7:51-58)
5. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus _____ suffer persecution. (2 Tim. 3:12)

II. Tempted by the Tempter (v. 5)

6. Paul was concerned that the devil had tempted the church, and that his work with them had been in _____. (v. 5)
7. List the 3 temptations that describe ALL temptations: (1 John 2:15–16)
(1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____
8. We can _____ to God and _____ the devil to relieve temptation. (James 4:7)

III. Good News (v. 6)

9. Timothy brought good news about the church’s _____ and _____. (v 6)
10. God is a God of _____, and uses the church to _____ one another.
(2 Corinthians 1:3–4)
11. The church is encouraged to _____ in the Lord. (v 8)
12. We are to be _____ and _____, always busy in the Lord’s work.
(1 Corinthians 15:58)

IV. A Prayer for the Church (v. 9-13)

13. Paul prayed the Lord would help the church increase in _____ for each other. (v. 12)
14. The Christian’s heart should be established B __ M __ SS in H __ N __ SS before our God. (v. 13)