

## **“THE JOY GOD PRODUCES”**

### ***I Thessalonians 2:13-3:13***

**MAIN IDEA:** We should find joy in God’s working in the lives of other believers.

#### **An Outline of I Thessalonians:**

##### **I. PAUL’S LOOK AT HIS COMING (1:1-2:16)**

**A. *The Remembrance of His Converts (1:1-10): the picture of a model church***

**B. *The Review of His Ministry (2:1-16): the picture of a successful ministry***

##### **II. PAUL’S LONGING FOR HIS CONVERTS (2:17-3:13)**

**A. *Paul’s Desire to Come Personally (2:17-20)***

**B. *Paul’s Decision to Send Timothy (3:1-8)***

**C. *Paul’s Delight to Pray Faithfully (3:9-13)***

#### **I. THERE WAS JOY IN THE PAST BECAUSE OF THEIR PREPARATION FOR THE GOSPEL (2:13-16).**

**A. *Their reception of the Word (2:13)***

❖ *How it was not received (2:13a)*

❖ *How it was received (2:13b)*

**B. *Their rejection by the world (2:14-16)***

❖ *The experience of rejection (2:14; cp. 3:1-5; II Thess. 1:5-9)*

❖ *The extent of rejection (2:15-16)*

❖ *The explanation for rejection*

#### **II. THERE WOULD BE JOY IN THE FUTURE BECAUSE OF THEIR PRESENCE IN HEAVEN (2:17-20).**

**A. *Paul’s possible joy in the future (2:17-18)***

❖ *The object of this joy would be to see them again on earth (2:17).*

❖ *This had been hindered (2:18).*

**B. *Paul’s promised joy in the future (2:19-20)***

❖ *The object of this joy would be to see them in heaven (2:19).*

❖ *This could not be hindered (2:20).*

#### **III. THERE IS JOY IN THE PRESENT BECAUSE OF THEIR PROGRESS IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE (3:1-13).**

**A. *Joy produced from Timothy’s visit (3:1-8)***

❖ *Timothy was sent out of deep concern (3:1-5).*

❖ *Timothy returned with great comfort (3:6-8).*

**B. *Joy reflected in Paul’s prayer (3:9-13)***

❖ *The joy resulted in thanksgiving (3:9).*

❖ *The prayer was directed toward greater growth (3:10-13).*

- Have you experienced *past* joy when you trusted in Christ as Savior?
- Are you experiencing *present* joy as you and other believers grow spiritually?
- Will you experience *future* joy when you see the results of your ministry?