

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for July 20-21, 1996

"Out of Sight, Not Out of Mind"

1 Thessalonians 2:17-20

For Spirit filled Christians the group that will be most difficult to separate from are other Spirit filled Christians.

The special place in respect to time.

"Bereft" - (APORPHANIZO) expresses a parent's loss of child.

"short time" - Five years (Acts 20:2)

Paul uses multiple words to convey his desire to be with them.

1. "more" (PERISSOTEROS) - Lit. "more abundantly".

2. "eager" (SPOUDAZO) - Combines the idea of speed and diligence.

3. "great desire" (EPITHYMIA) - Speaks of passion, often in the sense of lust, but here of their passionate longing for their friends.

Thwart (ENKOPTO) - Literally means to "cut into" and was used of impeding persons by breaking up the road.

The breadth of satanic attack against the church.

1. The church of Smyrna (Revelation 2:9-10)

2. The church of Pergamum (Revelation 2:13,14)

3. The church of Tyhatira (Revelation 2:24)

4. The church of Philadelphia (Revelation 3:9)

Main Thought: Satan will make sure that the church's certain road to glory will be a rocky one.

A special place in respect to eternity.

"Coming" (PAROUSIA) - Refers to the rapture (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

The rapture is related to God's program for the church while the second advent is related to God's program for Isreal and the world.

"Crown" (STEPHANOS) - victors crown

Main Thought: Investing our lives in making and training disciples is greatly rewarded in time and eternity.