

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

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"Take a Stand"

1 Thessalonians 3:1-13

He prayed for them (vv. 11-13)

That he would be able to come to them (v. 11)

Difficulty in establishing fellowship with the church should not be passively accepted but passionately prayed about.

Our thoughts about people need to turn into prayers for people.

Was his prayer being answered? Acts 19:25

Mature praying flows from and is consistent with God's Word.

That their love might increase and abound (v. 12)

Was his prayer being answered? 1 Thessalonians 1:3

That they might be established in holiness (v. 13)

The hope of the Christian is to be holy (1 John 3:1-3)

This hope will be fully realized at the "rapture" (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

The word translated "saints" (NAS) literally means "holy ones" (HAGIOI) and would be best understood to be angels.