

**“Good News!”
(1Thessalonians 3:6-10)**

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A. The Good news itself (1Th. 3:6)

1. (vs. 6) In contrast to the pain of the previous section, Timothy has come with good news with two facets!

a. He told of the Thessalonians' "faith and love"

**b. "and that" they "always think kindly of us,"
and it was a deep affection too:**

➤ "longing to see us just as we also long to see" them.

B. The effects of the news; “we *really* live” (1Th. 3:7-8)

1. (vs. 7) “for this reason,” that of vs. 7, “in all our distress and affliction, we were comforted about you through your faith” – always the key concern for the ministers.
2. (vs. 8) Paul explained, “For now we *really* live, if you stand firm in the Lord.” If their faith is strong (vs. 7b), they will stand firm in the Lord.

C. Overwhelmed by the challenge of giving thanks (3:9-10).

- 1. (vs. 9) The whole band of ministers were moved to give thanks, but they felt inadequate to express it. It seemed like an ever-increasing debt.**
- 2. (vs. 10) Two things were still a concern to them in their prayers: 1) They wanted a meeting; 2) They wanted to complete what was lacking in the Thessalonians' faith.**