

# Turning the World Upside Down

## HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

## SERMON NOTES

### I. *“I also Sent to Find Out about Your Faith, (1 Thessalonians 3)*

#### A. Paul’s Anxiety, (vs. 1-2)

1. (vs. 1-2), *“When we could endure it no longer, we thought it best...”*
  - a. Timothy was an excellent choice!

Philippians 2:20, 22

- b. While waiting in Athens for news, Paul wasn’t idle or bored. He did what he always did...

Acts 17:16-17

Acts 17:32-34

#### B. A Strong Faith is Not Moved by Afflictions, (vs. 3-5)

1. We come to learn that trials and afflictions are part of a faithful Christian’s life.
  - a. (v. 3), *“So that no man may be disturbed by these afflictions....”*

Acts 9:15-16

John 15:1-2

2 Timothy 3:12

Revelation 2:10

- b. Paul had prepared these brethren, (v. 4), *“For indeed when we were with you....”*

Acts 14:22

Romans 3:23

Romans 6:1

### **C. A Strong Faith is an Excellent Testimony, (v. 6)**

1. (v. 6), *“But now that Timothy has come back to us from you, and has brought us good news....”*
  - a. These brethren were focusing on the things on which Jesus desires for His church to focus.

Mark 11:22

Hebrews 11:1, 6

Mark 12:30-31

### **D. A Strong Faith Stirs the Hearts of Others, (vs. 7-10)**

1. Paul was dealing with persecution, but their faith has removed his concerns for them.
  - a. Paul’s concern for these new Christians had affected him deeply.

Proverbs 25:25

### **E. Paul’s Prayer for the Faithful, (vs. 11-13)**

1. (vs. 11-13), *“Now may our God and Father Himself and Jesus our Lord direct our way to you....”*
  - a. Christians who are growing spiritually must never to be satisfied with the status quo.

Philippians 3:12

## **CONCLUSIONS:**

Hebrews 11:6

Romans 10:17

Hebrews 5:9

Acts 2:36-38, 41