

Letter to the Thessalonians

CHRISTIAN HOPE

“What Gives the Father Joy?”

September 3, 2023 - Pastor D R Hilken – 1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13

Oh how we miss you and are _____ for you

Opposition against Paul from:

the state (2) society (14) _____ (2:18 & 3:5)

Opposition from Satan

1. is permitted by God
2. is used by God to train us up
3. occurs when you are a threat to him

Satan – give him the _____ credit. He was

1. Created
2. Wise and beautiful
3. Sinned (_____) before humankind knew sin
4. A cherub / guardian (perhaps of _____)
5. Powerful but not omnipotent (even Michael backs down)
(could have killed Job) “on God’s leash”
6. Supernatural knowledge / insights but not omniscient

Paul’s lessons on prayer from these verses:

1. He prayed “earnestly”
2. He prayed frequently
3. He prayed specifically

2 truths about “the coming of our Lord Jesus”

1. Jesus is coming back _____
2. Jesus is coming for you _____

Until then, for Paul and for the Father,

What gives joy? “_____ in the Lord”