

(4) Because truly, when we were with you, we told you before that we would suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and you know.

(5) For this reason, when I could no longer wait, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter had tempted you, and our labor was in vain.

(6) But now when Timothy came from you to us, and brought us good news of your faith and charity {love},^a and that you have fond memories of us always, desiring greatly to see us, as we also *to see you*:

(7) Therefore, brothers, we were comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith:

(8) Because now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord.

(9) Because what thanks can we render to God again for you, because all the joy with which we rejoice for your sakes before our God;

(10) Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?

(11) Now may God Himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you. (12) And may the Lord cause you to grow and abound in love towards one another, and towards all *men*, even as we *do* towards you:

(13) To the end He may establish your hearts without blame in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming^b of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

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3:6a – charity – agape {αγαπην}– godly love – this love is not merely an emotion, but true godly love is love of action; therefore it is often translated as “charity” in the King James - see I Cor. 13:1

3:13b – coming – parousia {παρουσια} - coming with the saints
- the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ
- Armageddon - see note on I Cor. 1:8