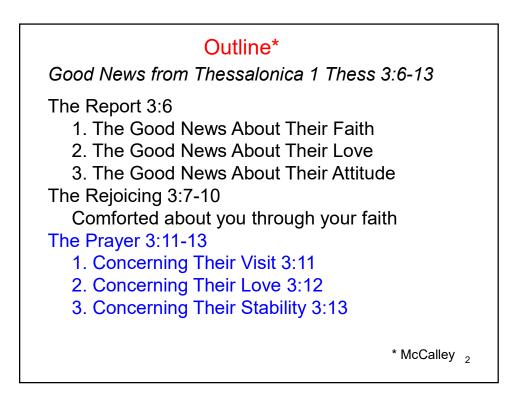
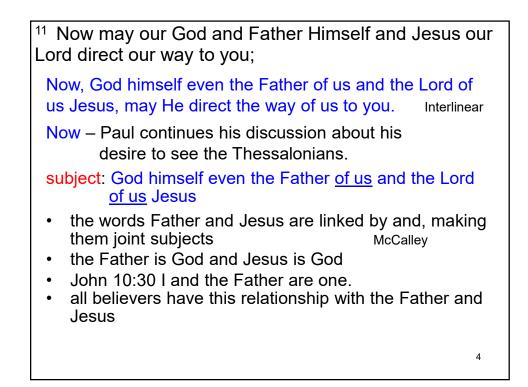
1 Thess Class Schedule		
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<sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father Himself and Jesus our Lord direct our way to you;
<sup>12</sup> and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all people, just as we also *do* for you;
<sup>13</sup> so that He may establish your hearts without blame in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.



<sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father Himself and Jesus our Lord direct our way to you; Now. God himself even the Father of us and the Lord of us Jesus, may He direct the way of us to you Interlinear verb: may He direct - kateuthynō - to make straight; it means to guide or direct one's way "may ... direct" represents the optative mood in the Greek text, which expresses a strong wish, often used in prayers Keathlev • 2 Thess 3:5 May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness of Christ. the way of us (Paul, Silas, Timothy) to you He asked God his Father and Jesus his Lord to clear the way so he and his fellow missionaries could return to Thessalonica. Constable 5

<sup>1</sup><sup>2</sup> and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound it ove for one another, and for all people, just as we also do for you;
may the Lord cause you to increase and to abound it - in love for one another and it - in love for one another and a people.
Migher: the Lord (Lord, not man!)
Terb: may cause to increase - pleonázō - to have or cause to have much.
the optative mood - this is another of Paul's strong desires for the Thessalonians.
asking God for an increase in their agape love for the brethren and all people.

<sup>12</sup> and may the Lord cause you to increase and <u>abound</u> <u>in love for one another</u>, and for all people, just as we also *do* for you; *to* abound in love for one another
verb: *to* abound – *perisseuō* - to cause to abound, to make overflow (compound verb)
this verb is also in the optative mood – 3<sup>rd</sup> time
2 Cor 9:8a And God is able to make all grace <u>abound</u> to you
but in this context it is "in love"
1<sup>st</sup> in love for one another
1 Thess 4:9 Now as to the love of the brethren --- for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another.
Paul's desire was for them to walk in the truth of what they had been taught.

<sup>12</sup> and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, <u>and for all people</u>, just as we also *do* for you;

• 1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us <u>love one another</u>, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

2<sup>nd</sup> (in love) for all people

Gal 6:10b let us do good to <u>all people</u>, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith

 the believers' love to increase and overflow even more among themselves and <u>toward all people</u> Constable

<sup>12</sup> and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all people, just as we also *do* for you;

just as we (Paul, Silas, Timothy) also do for you

Paul has already told us of his love for them in the following verses:

1 Thess 1:2 We give thanks to God always <u>for all of you</u>, making mention <u>of you</u> in our prayers;

:3 constantly bearing in mind <u>your</u> work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus ---

:4 knowing, brethren beloved by God, *His* choice of you.

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<sup>13</sup> <u>so that He may establish your hearts</u> without blame in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints

so that – with purpose that (loving one another produces)

He (God) may establish your hearts

verb: may establish - *stērizō* - "to fix, make fast, to set"; is used of "establishing" or "stablishing" of persons

• loving one another and God establishing your heart

1 Peter 1:22 Since you have in obedience to the truth <u>purified</u> <u>your souls</u> for a sincere love of the brethren, <u>fervently love one</u> <u>another from the heart</u>.

<sup>13</sup> so that He may establish <u>your hearts without blame in</u> <u>holiness</u> before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints

your hearts without blame in holiness

your hearts blameless in the sphere of holiness Wuest

- We know that we are blameless in holiness because we are in Him in our position.
- But Paul's desire for them is to have their condition equal their position.

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. <sup>3</sup> And everyone who has this hope *fixed* on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

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<sup>13</sup> so that He may establish your hearts without blame in holiness <u>before our God and Father at the coming of our</u> Lord Jesus with all His saints

<u>before our God and Father</u> at [in] the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints

1 Thess 2:19b is it not even you (Thessalonians), in [at] the presence of [before] our Lord Jesus at His coming?

before - *emprosthen* - is used of place or position only; with the meaning "in the sight of a person" in 1 Thess 2:19, John 12:37

John 12:37 But though He had performed so many signs <u>before</u> them, yet they were not believing in Him.

 Paul uses the very same construction concerning "presence/before" in 2:19 and 3:13. His presence is used concerning a face-to-face encounter. Vern's notes <sup>13</sup> so that He may establish your hearts without blame in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

before our God and Father <u>at [in] the coming of our Lord</u> Jesus with all His saints

coming - *parousia* - "a presence," *para*, "with," and *ousia*, "being", denotes both an "arrival" and a consequent "presence with."

- Parousia is used to describe the presence of Christ with His disciples on the Mount of Transfiguration.
- 2 Peter 1:16 For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and <u>coming</u> of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

