



## I THESSALONIANS

Part Twenty Seven: “An Opportunity for All Believers”

### I Thessalonians 3:7-8

*Therefore, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith:  
For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord.*

### Paul’s Relief – verse 7

1. The Reality of Christian Work – the work of the ministry is filled with pressure and desperate need.
2. The Need of God’s Servants – every servant of God is in need of encouragement as he/she faces these challenges.
3. An Opportunity for God’s People – Nothing encourages the hearts of God’s servants more than to see real faith demonstrated in the lives of those to whom they minister.

### The People’s Role – verse 8

1. The Christian ministry carries a unique measurement of success—the eternal souls of people.
2. My perseverance gives life to other believers.
3. Faith is standing fast in the Lord.
4. I stand fast in the Lord by being steadfast:
  - a. In doctrine
  - b. In holiness
  - c. In sacrifice
  - d. In service