

## “Paul’s Prayer for Reunion, Love, and Holiness”

1 Thessalonians 3:11–13

Introduction

Numbers 6:22–27

**The Big Idea: Paul prayed to be reunited with this congregation, but also for their love to advance their holiness.**

### I. Paul’s Requests

#### a. Reunion with the Congregation after Satanic Hindrances (verse 11)

1 Thessalonians 2:17–20

#### b. Overflowing Love Advancing Holiness (verses 12–13)

##### i. Increasing Love for the Congregation and for All People

1 Timothy 1:5; Mark 12:28–34; 1 John 4:19–21; 1 Corinthians 13:1–3

##### ii. Inner Holiness Established by That Love

Hebrews 12:14

##### iii. Holiness Perfected at the Lord’s Arrival

1 John 3:1–3

### II. Their Relevance

#### a. Do we ask and trust God to change circumstances and hearts?

#### b. Do we long to be with God’s people and edify them?

#### c. Do we value Christian love as the foundation of holiness?

#### d. Do we understand that God’s love will drive us to be devoted to him together?