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14 For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea, for you also endured the same sufferings at the hands of your own countrymen, even as they did from the Jews, **15** who both killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out. They are not pleasing to God, but hostile to all men, **16** hindering us from speaking to the

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Gentiles so that they may be saved; with the result that they always fill up the measure of their sins. But wrath has come upon them to the utmost. **17** But we, brethren, having been taken away from you for a short while—in person, not in spirit—were all the more eager with great desire to see your face. **18** For we wanted to come to you – I, Paul, more than once – and

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yet Satan hindered us. **19** For who is our hope or joy or crown of exultation? Is it not even you, in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming? **20** For you are our glory and joy. **3:1** Therefore when we could endure it no longer, we thought it best to be left behind at Athens alone, **2** and we sent Timothy, our brother and God's fellow worker in the gospel of Christ, to

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strengthen and encourage you as to your faith,
3 so that no one would be disturbed by these
afflictions; for you yourselves know that we
have been destined for this. **4** For indeed when
we were with you, we kept telling you in
advance that we were going to suffer affliction;
and so it came to pass, as you know. **5** For this
reason, when I could endure it no longer, I

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also sent to find out about your faith, for fear that the tempter might have tempted you, and our labor would be in vain. **6** But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us good news of your faith and love, and that you always think kindly of us, longing to see us just as we also long to see you, **7** for this reason, brethren, in all our distress and

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affliction we were comforted about you through your faith; **8** for now we really live, if you stand firm in the Lord. **9** For what thanks can we render to God for you in return for all the joy with which we rejoice before our God on your account, **10** as we night and day keep praying most earnestly that we may see your face, and may complete what is lacking in your faith?

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Satan caused suffering, but
he could not stop faith.

Satan could block Paul's
path, but he could not
stop Paul's joy.

Satan could produce
separation, but he could
not destroy love.



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