

BEFORE THE REUNION

(LOVE ASSURED)

1 THESSALONIANS 2:17-3:13



*BEFORE A GOOD REUNION, MANY OBSERVABLE REALITIES
WILL HELP TO ASSURE US OF THE LOVE WE SHARE AS WE
WAIT TO CELEBRATE THAT LOVE IN GREATER FULLNESS.*

A. THE COMING HORIZONTAL REUNION (PAUL & THE THESS.)

BEFORE THE REUNION, THERE IS...

- 1. PHYSICAL SEPARATION (W/ MENTAL/EMOTIONAL UNION) - 2:17**
- 2. LONGING & PLANNING (W/ REAL OPPOSITION... SATAN) 17-18**
- 3. BRIDGES OF HOPE & JOY (ON VITAL PILLARS OF FAITH [3:2, 5] SHAKEN BY FEAR) 2:19-3:5**
- 4. AFFLICTION, PERSECUTION (W/ PROPHETIC ASSURANCE OF GOD'S OVERSIGHT) 3:3-4**
- 5. MUTUAL, REASSURING RSVP'S – "I AM STILL COMING." (DESPITE DELAYS) 3:6-8**
- 6. THANKSGIVING & JOY (DESPITE DISTRESS) 3:7-9**
- 7. PRAYER W/ REAL POWER (BUT NOT COMPULSORY POWER... LIKE THE GOSPEL!) 3:10 (10-13)**
- 8. LOVE (ASSURED & UNASSAILABLE) 3:12 (3:6)**

B. THE COMING VERTICAL REUNION (JESUS & US – "PAROUSIA")

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