

The Regular Christian Life

1 Thessalonians 3:1-13

1. When trials come, we are promised <u>STRENGTH AND GRACE</u> to endure, not <u>DELIVERANCE</u>. Still, we pray for deliverance and ask God to work through our prayers. Afflictions/trials are part of the regular Christian life. vv.1-8

- 2. Paul's concern for new churches and new believers included these three aspects of the regular Christian life:
 - That they **KNOW** Jesus. v.5
 - That they **GROW** in and **FOLLOW** Jesus. *vv.8-10, 12*
 - That they eagerly look forward to <u>HIS RETURN</u>. vv.13

"...so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints." 1 Thessalonians 3:13