

2022-2023 BSP#4 Group Time Discussion

(A) 為查考和認識的題目 Questions for Studying and Understanding (10 minutes)

1. 參閱 3:1-5。為甚麼保祿從雅典打發弟茂德返回得撒洛尼？
 - a. 因為保祿喜歡獨自留在雅典。
 - b. 因為得撒洛尼信眾喜歡弟茂德但不歡迎保祿。
 - c. 為在信德上堅固鼓勵得撒洛尼信眾。
 - d. 以免他們的信德因困苦而動搖。
 - e. 以免他們被魔鬼誘惑了。

Read 3:1-5. Why did Paul send Timothy from Athens back to Thessalonica.

- a. Because Paul liked to be alone in Athens.
 - b. Because the Thessalonians liked Timothy but not Paul.
 - c. To encourage the Thessalonians to strengthen in their faith.
 - d. Lest their faith be shaken by hardship.
 - e. Lest they be tempted by the devil.
2. 舊約時代，以色列人如何和在甚麼地方稱謝天主？(提示：參閱聖詠 66:13, 116:18-19。)按 3:9-10，保祿如何和在甚麼地方稱謝天主？兩者不同的原因是甚麼？
 - a. 保祿生性反叛，不願受制梅瑟法律，不想在耶路撒冷聖殿稱謝天主。
 - b. 保祿是法利塞人，享有特權。
 - c. 保祿當時身在雅典，不可能去耶路撒冷聖殿。
 - d. 在新約時代，人不再受梅瑟法律約束，不用在耶路撒冷聖殿稱謝天主。
 - e. 以上都不對。

How and where did the Israelites give thanks to God in the Old Testament era? (Hint: Read Psalm 66:13, 116:18-19.) According to 3:9-10, how and where did Paul give thanks to God? What is the reason for the difference between the two?

- a. Paul was rebellious. He was unwilling to be subject to the law of Moses and give thanks to God in the temple in Jerusalem.
- b. Paul was a Pharisee with special privilege.
- c. Paul was in Athens and could not have gone to the temple in Jerusalem.
- d. In the New Testament era, people are no longer bound by the law of Moses to give thanks to God in the temple in Jerusalem.
- e. None of the above is true.

(B) 為反思和應用的題目。Reflection and application question (15 minutes)

保祿一方面因為得撒洛尼的教會「在主內站立穩定」而歡欣(3:8)，一方面卻懇切祈求，希望返回得撒洛尼「為能彌補你們信德的缺陷」(3:10)。請分享你在信德是否「在主內站立穩定」？你認為自己「信德的缺陷」是甚麼？你會如何彌補這些信德的缺陷？

On the one hand, Paul rejoiced that the church in Thessalonian "stands firm in the Lord" (3:8), but on the other hand he earnestly prayed that he would be able to return to Thessalonian "in order to remedy the deficiencies of your faith" (3:8). Please share whether you "stand firm in the Lord" in faith? What do you consider to be your "deficiencies of faith"? How would you remedy these deficiencies?