



Paul encourages the Thessalonian believers to endure in the face of their persecution. He reminds them that God's wrath will come to their oppressors. Paul then expresses his longing to minister to them again and that he takes great joy in the hope/confidence that they will be in the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ at His coming.

Outline

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The
Word
of God



Truths & Principles

- ✓ True believers in the Lord Jesus Christ receive the Word of God.
- ✓ When the Word of God is reverently received and obeyed, it produces fruit.
- ✓ Satan and his minions are real adversaries of the true believer.
- ✓ Satan and his minions will work to hinder you from doing fruit-bearing works.

Applications

- ✓ Receive the Word of God with gladness.
- ✓ Allow the Holy Spirit to make the Word of God come alive in your life – after all He is the Author of the Book!
- ✓ Expect opposition and persecution when you are faithful to the Lord.
- ✓ Do not grow weary in doing what God has called you to do – continue to do the work of God, even if hindered by the enemy.



Test all things; hold fast what is good. 1 Thessalonians 5:21

1. What was the reason for the never ending thanks to God (2:13)? _____
2. What happened when the Thessalonians heard the word of God (2:13)? _____
3. The Thessalonian believers became imitators of whom (2:14)? _____
4. Who killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets (2:15)? _____
5. What was Paul's goal in speaking to the Gentiles (2:16)? _____
6. What has come upon those who forbid Paul to speak to the Gentiles (2:16)? _____
7. How long was Paul separated from the Thessalonian brethren (2:17)? _____
8. Who hindered Paul's attempts to visit the Thessalonians (2:18)? _____
9. Paul was hindered how many times (2:18)? _____
10. What was Paul's hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing (2:19)? _____
11. Who was Paul's glory and joy (2:20)? _____

Study Questions

1. Consider Paul's reference to the word of God in 1 THESSALONIANS 2:13 & ACTS 17:2-3.
 - ❖ What is the word of God in VERSE 13?
 - ❖ What do you think it means to receive the word of God?
 - ❖ Is receiving the word of God the same as hearing the word of God?
 - ❖ Explain your answer.
2. Reflect on the persecution of Paul and Thessalonians in VERSES 14-16.
 - ❖ How does the Thessalonian suffering contribute to Paul's evaluation of their faith?
 - ❖ What can we glean from this?
 - ❖ How should we respond to suffering?
3. Ponder VERSES 17-20 and Paul's referring to the Thessalonian believers as his glory and joy.
 - ❖ Can you think of anyone who is this proud of you?
 - ❖ If not, why not?
 - ❖ Are we a joy to our church leaders?
4. Contemplate the hindrance of Satan in VERSE 18 and in DANIEL 10:10-21.
 - ❖ How do you think this relates to spiritual warfare (EPHESIANS 6:10-20)?
 - ❖ How have you ever experienced spiritual hindrance?
 - ❖ What were the circumstances surrounding your experience(s)?
 - ❖ How did you respond?
 - ❖ What did you learn that you can now share with other believers?