

**HERE WE STAND**

**OUR REFORMATION AND ROOTS AND RELENTLESS RESOLVED**

**PART 1**

**WORD OF GOD, SPEAK**

**The Power of the Word in the Life of the Church**

(1 Thessalonians 2:13-16)

**INTRODUCTION:**

**THE CONTEXT: (2:1-12)**

**1. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF PAUL'S MINISTRY (2:1-6)**

A. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ : (2:1, 3, 5-6)

- Paul's motives were continually \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ : (2:4)

- " \_\_\_\_\_ " is only the proper motive in ministry, for it is God who...
  1. ... \_\_\_\_\_ us \_\_\_\_\_ ministry (v. 4a) and...
  2. ... \_\_\_\_\_ us \_\_\_\_\_ ministry. (v. 4b)

**2. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF PAUL'S MINISTRY (2:7-12)**

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of a \_\_\_\_\_ - His \_\_\_\_\_ for them. (2:7-9)

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of a \_\_\_\_\_ - His \_\_\_\_\_ for them. (2:10-12)

**1A. THE WORD OF GOD: \_\_\_\_\_ IT REALLY \_\_\_\_\_ (2:13a)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ ... \_\_\_\_\_ it!

"For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God,..."

"For this people's heart has grown dull,  
and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed,  
lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears  
and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them."

2A. THE WORD OF GOD: \_\_\_\_\_ IT REALLY \_\_\_\_\_ (2:13b-15a)

• \_\_\_\_\_ ... \_\_\_\_\_ it!

“...which also performs its work in you who believe. 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...”

“And He did not do many miracles there because of their unbelief.”

— Matthew 13:58

“For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard.”

— Hebrews 4:2

“...for our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup> You also became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much tribulation with the joy of the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup> so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.”

— 1 Thessalonians 1:5-7

3A. THE WORD OF GOD: \_\_\_\_\_ IT REALLY \_\_\_\_\_ (2:15b-16)

• \_\_\_\_\_ ... \_\_\_\_\_ it!

“They are not pleasing to God, but hostile to all men, hindering us from speaking to the 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.”

“For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith toward God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything.”

— 1 Thessalonians 1:8

“Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word.”

— Acts 8:4

CONCLUSION:

“...for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.”

— 1 Peter 1:23