

The Word of God

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1 Thessalonians 2:13

And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

Summary

In this dynamic sermon, Pastor Tyler elucidates on 1 Thessalonians 2:13, emphasizing the importance of accepting and acknowledging the Word of God. The pastor commences by reminding us of the Thessalonians, who despite living amidst much philosophical and religious discourse, accepted the word of God graciously, a result of divine intervention rather than Paul's persuasive skills. The sermon illuminates three fundamental doctrines: revelation, inspiration, and illumination. Revelation refers to divine messages- either through general or specific means. Inspiration pertains to the recording of these divine truths by people under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Illumination highlights the Holy Spirit's function in revealing the truth of God's Word to individuals. The pastor stresses on recognizing and embracing the Gospel as the Word of God. He attests to the Scriptures as God's inspired word, devoid of any inaccuracies, strengthened with empirical evidence including ancient manuscripts consistency over time. The pastor vehemently negates any claim of Gospel's irrelevance by emphasizing its eternal importance and its centering around Jesus Himself, who is echoed throughout the scriptures from Genesis to Revelation. He implores believers to bank upon God's Word's transformative power and encourages non-believers to explore and accept its truth. He climaxes the sermon with a prayer inspired by Psalm 119, seeking divine strength for the church and guidance for those who have yet to accept the Gospel.

Ice Breaker

If you had to compete in a food eating contest, what food would you choose and why?

Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean to receive and accept the Word of God, and why is it important?

Context: The sermon emphasizes the importance of receiving and accepting the Word of God as true, as the Thessalonians did according to 1 Thessalonians 2:13.

Application Question: How can you personally apply this idea of receiving and accepting the Word of God in your daily life?

2. What are the three important doctrine words mentioned in the sermon, and how do they relate to understanding the Word of God?

Context: The pastor highlights three doctrine words: revelation, inspiration, and illumination, which are essential in understanding how God communicates to His people through the Word.

Application Question: How can you use these concepts to deepen your understanding of the Bible and your relationship with God?

3. What evidence was provided in the sermon to support the accuracy and trustworthiness of the Bible?

Context: The pastor discusses the large number of ancient manuscripts and their consistency over time as evidence for the accuracy and trustworthiness of the Bible.

Application Question: How can this evidence help strengthen your own faith in the truth of the Bible?

4. What is the central role of Jesus in the Gospel, and why is it important to recognize this as we study the Bible?

Context: The sermon states that the Gospel is about Jesus, who is the central figure throughout Scripture, and emphasizes how the entire Bible points to our need for Him.

Application Question: In your own Bible study and daily life, how can you keep Jesus at the center and grow in your understanding of His role in the Gospel?

5. How does the transformative power of God's Word impact your life, and how can you rely on it in your daily walk?

Context: The pastor encourages believers to trust in the transforming power of God's Word, using personal stories as examples of its life-changing effects.

Application Question: Can you share a time when God's Word has impacted your life, and how you can continue to rely on it for guidance and growth?