

1 Thessalonians 2
Monkey See.....
May 3, 2026
Hymn # 548 (B) Servant's Heart

Thesis verse for chapter 2:13 - "For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the Word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the Word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe."

Theme for Chapter 2 - "Persecution resulted in growing the faithful believers in their preaching of the Gospel."

1. Vs 1-12 - Paul's persecution, faithfulness, and preaching
 - a. 4 - Approved by God to preach
 - b. 1-3 - Their Gospel was still pure despite being wrongly treated
 - i. Paul did not let hard times (1)delude or (2)delete the gospel
 - c. 11-12- Paul relates to them as a father would to his children. The result is that the Thessalonians walked worthy
 - d. Three relevant revelations
 - i. Persecution spread the Gospel
 - ii. Persecution did not dilute Paul's devotion
 - iii. Persecution did not stop the Gospel. Acts 8:1,4; 11:19-21
2. Vs 13-16 - Thessalonians persecution, faithfulness, and preaching
 - a. 13 - They received the Word: from the messenger Paul: As Truth: It worked effectively through them.
 - b. They Became imitators even under persecution
 - i. 1 Peter 1:16
3. Vs 17-20 - A future hope of rejoicing together was built on mutual faithfulness in times of persecution (19)
 - a. 17 - Paul's desire was to see them and be with them
 - b. 18 - Even though a hindrance was presented his desire grew
 - c. 19 - His hope was in the eternal *for* the Thessalonians
 - d. **20 - Persecution could not kill their joy because of growing Faithfulness

RBC application

- Persecution will happen and does happen. Sorry prosperity gospel
- It will either grow you or throw you
- Persecution is used by God (though through various mediums) to spread the Truth
- It will be in our *faithfulness* that others find their Faith(fullness)

Doxology - Philippians 4:4 - "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!"

- Don't give up
- Always think Eternally