

Extra Space for Extra Notes: Good for you!

Welcome to CSC! (9/24/2025) 1 Thess. 2:14-20

Memory Verses this semester: **2 Thessalonians 2:16-17**

Review: 1 Thess. 2:1-13 – Preaching in a hostile environment.

Today: No one may serve two masters.

14. The _____ Church.

Colossians 1:13-14

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Ephesians 4:4-6

15-16. The Children of _____.

Acts 1-9, Acts 5:17, 6:9-7:60, 17:5

Connected by ideology and action,

Suppressed the truth and _____ the prophets.

Jeremiah 6:6-8, Luke 11:45-52, John 8:39-47

Not an antisemitic statement-why not?

Romans 9:3-5

17-18 _____ of the Connections.

Reflective and Comforting

1 Corinthians 15:54-56

19-20 The Crown of _____.

Not a _____. Rather, rejoice over the _____.

Small Group Questions and Resources

*Please keep in mind that small groups are not expected to get through all of these questions. They are not required to “get through” any of them. Rather, please take these questions as an optional guide to help digest the message.

1. How does this passage help us understand the unity of the church?

How can we then understand our relationship with the church universal?

How does this help us understand that salvation is not merely an individual/personal event, but that we are saved into a community?

2. How should we understand those who persecute the church?

How do we respond to those who hate the church? In what ways does Paul link persecutors today with persecutors from Israel's history?

Read Luke 11:45-52. How does Jesus discuss this "tradition" of persecution? (See also John 8:41-48).

3. How might this section of Paul's letter be used to lead to misunderstandings and hatred against Jews?

What does it mean that the Jews killed Jesus and the prophets?

If Jesus himself is saying that they have the devil as their father, how are we to understand them?

How might one be a "seed of Abraham" but not be an ethnic Jew?

What realizations and understandings help us to see that this is not meant to be an antisemitic rhetoric?

How can we sometimes relate to the persecutors? How did Paul?

4. Does it comfort you to realize that both the persecutors and Satan have no ultimate power?

Does it comfort you to realize that their power is temporary and only in the flesh? If not, why not?

Why might God allow persecutors, including Satan to operate and to persecute? If God is allowing it, how should we react to persecution?

5. How can we, like Paul, look forward to Jesus greeting us and saying, "well done, good and faithful servant?" How might your classmates become to you like the Thessalonians did to Paul, your crown and joy?