

1 Thessalonians 2: 9-20

Called into His kingdom

PAUL'S WORK AMONG THE THESSALONIANS

- Labor & hardship / weariness & painfulness - same as 2 Cor. 11:27
- Exhausted labor and difficult work, teachers/rabbis in Palestine were unpaid
- Not be a burden by working day and night for their benefit, fatigue all day
- He proclaimed the gospel to them, this was part of him sharing himself
- He kept careful watch not for himself but to them to see and believe
- He performed faithful discharge of his duty to grow the kingdom
- Exhorted - raise to a particular line of conduct, call to action
- Encouraged - comforted in appreciation of the hard place, continue the course
- Charged - reminder of the solemn nature of Christian duty
- Mother in the earlier versus is changed to Father
- Walk or live without interruption, regularly with conduct in line with salvation
- All these actions are unselfish on Paul's part and are toward the Church

THE CHURCH'S RESPONSE TO GOD'S CALL

- They received the Word of God, accepted it outwardly and inwardly
- Accepted it not as the word of man, but as those words were from God Himself
- The word performs its work - surrendered effectually, productively
- They became imitators of Judean Christians, known for handling sufferings
- Sufferings not from enemies or foreigners but their neighbors
- Jews tried to hinder the proclamation and the sharing with the gentiles
- They are hostile in the sense of hunting down, displeasing God
- Jews hindered, prevented, continually forbid the sharing of the Gospel
- The cross in the Christian mark of suffering, where it goes so does conflict
- Verse 16 wrath is present and past tense, different than an earlier future tense
 - Arrival of the threshold of fulfillment
 - Process of filling had already begun, almost full, about to spill over
 - It can feel like we are losing but they will get there's, nothing is missed

PAUL & THE CHURCH TOGETHER

- Paul expresses his departure as severe, being orphaned, pulled from arms
- Eager desire to be together as in going through something together
- Satan has made the road impassible, break through lines of defense
- Hope - God at work in the people around you
- Joy - God at work in the people around you
- Crown - God at work in the people around you
- They were Paul's crown/wreath of victory when 'parousia'
- Parousia - term used when a ruler visited a certain place
- It means 'when He comes' - His kingdom and His glory