



1 THESSALONIANS SERIES - 10
WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BELIEVE THE BIBLE?
"GOOD NEWS, SAD NEWS, BAD NEWS" – Part 2
1 Thessalonians 2:13-16

INTRODUCTION & REVIEW

THE CONDUCT OF THE THESSALONIANS - 2:13-16

THE GOOD NEWS

5 Reasons For Being Thankful:

1. They received the gospel message.
2. They accepted the Word of God.
3. The Word of God performed its work in them.
4. They imitated other believers.
5. They endured under persecution.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BELIEVE THE BIBLE?

I. Believing the Bible Means Accepting Its Authority in Every Area of Life. v.13

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TODAY'S MESSAGE

Scripture Works On Behalf Of Believers...

- ▶ It Saves - 1 Peter 1:22
- ▶ It Sanctifies - John 17:17
- ▶ It Matures - 1 Peter 2:2
- ▶ It Frees us - John 8:31-32
- ▶ It Perfects us - 2 Tim. 3:16-17
- ▶ It Counsels us - Ps. 119:24
- ▶ It Builds us up - Acts 20:32
- ▶ It Gives us hope - Ps. 119:147
- ▶ It Ensures our spiritual success - Josh. 1:8-9; Ps. 1:2-3

Remember...

Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; Jam 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

How can I accomplish this change?

What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

THE SAD NEWS

II. Believing The Bible Means...

...Accepting The Opposition It Brings. - 2:14

THE BAD NEWS

III. Believing The Bible Means...

...Accepting Its Judgment On Society. - 2:15-16

4 Ways The Religious Leaders Opposed The Early Christians:

1. They killed Jesus and the prophets
2. They drove the apostles out of Jerusalem.
3. They are hostile to all men
4. They hinder the preaching of the gospel.