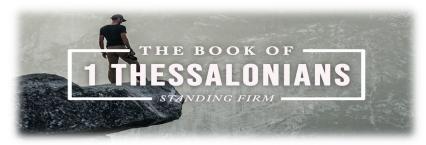
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1 THESSALONIANS SERIES - 09 WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BELIEVE THE BIBLE? "GOOD NEWS, SAD NEWS, BAD NEWS"

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

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?

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BELIEVE THE BIBLE?

- I. Believing the Bible Means...
 - ...Accepting Its Authority in Every Area of Life. v. 2:13
- 1. They received the word of God.
- 2. They accepted it as the word of God.

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.