

A Proper Acceptance of God's Word

Study 3. 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20

- A. Thankfulness. 2:13** In what activity toward God did Paul and his team constantly engage? _____
- B. The Thessalonians' Stance toward Paul's Message. 2:13**
1. What had the Thessalonians received from Paul and his teammates?

 2. How had the Thessalonians *not* accepted the apostolic message?

 3. How *had* they accepted the message? _____
 4. What does the Word of God do in the lives of believers? _____

- C. The Thessalonians' Imitation of the Churches in Judea. 2:14-16**
1. In what way did the Thessalonian believers imitate the Jewish churches in Judea? 2:14 _____

 2. Paul listed four ways in which the unbelieving Jewish people had antagonized the Judean churches. What were they? 2:15a
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
 3. In what way did the Jewish people antagonize all people? 2:15b-16a
 - a. _____ 2:15b
 - b. _____ 2:16a

4. What two statements did Paul make about the judgment the Jewish people had earned? 2:16b

a. _____

b. _____

D. Paul's Warmth Toward the Thessalonians. 2:17-20

1. When Paul and his team had introduced the Thessalonians to Jesus, they had been forced to leave the city prematurely (Acts 17:1-10). How does Paul describe their enforced absence? 2:17a _____

2. What had been the team's heartfelt desire? 2:17b _____

3. What had they, and especially Paul, wanted to do? 2:18a _____

4. Why had they been unsuccessful? 2:18b _____

5. (How often does this kind of thing happen in the lives of Christians?)

6. Paul described in glowing terms the team's excitement about the Thessalonian believers. The Thessalonians are the team's 2:19a

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

7. Under what circumstance will the Thessalonians fulfill these descriptions? 2:19b _____

8. What is Paul's final description of the Thessalonians? 2:20 They are the team's

a. _____

b. and _____

E. Learning Some Lessons

1. How is the Thessalonians' receiving of the message of Paul and his team a lesson to us?
2. How is Israel's reaction to God's Word a wake-up call to our country and to people around us?
3. In a number of ways, Paul and his team sought to be a real encouragement to these new Thessalonian believers who had received God's Word. How many different ways can you identify?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____
 - e. _____
4. What are some ways you can encourage other Christians?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
 - d. _____

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