

Notes for 1 Thessalonians chapter 2:12-20

Reference	Doctrine	Implication	Cross References	Notes
1 Thess. 2:12	Christian Walk / Call	walk worthy of God who calls you	Eph. 4:1; 1 Peter 1:15	βασιλεια = “royal power” or “rule”
1 Thess. 2:13	Inspiration of Scripture	Bible is God’s Word to man not man’s word about God	2 Timothy 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21	“received” from Greek <i>lambano</i> is in Passive tense - God is at work
1 Thess. 2:13	Efficacy of Scripture	God works / creates faith in us through the Word of God	Hebrews 4:12; Romans 1:16; Isaiah 55:11	“effectively works” from Gr. <i>energo</i> = has the idea of “IS effective”
1 Thess. 2:14-15	Christian Persecution	Persecution is part and parcel of the Christian’s walk in this life	Acts 14:21-22; John 15:18-25; 2 Timothy 3:10-13	imitator - used differently: If it has happened to others it will happen to us.
1 Thess. 2:15-16	Judgment	Hindering the message of the Gospel brings God’s judgment	Exodus 7-10; Romans 11:7-10; Matthew 23:29-36	“utmost” from Gr. <i>telos</i> = “to the end, completely”
1 Thess. 2:17-18	Paul’s love for fellow believers	Paul wanted to see the Thessalonians but wasn’t able to	1 Thessalonians 3:10	“desire” from Gr. <i>epithumia</i> = “desire, lust” used both good and bad
1 Thess. 2:18	Satan	Satan is a very real being who desires to lead sinners away from God	Matthew 13:39; 1 Peter 5:8; John 8:44; Eph. 6:11; Luke 4:1-13	Satan from Gr. <i>satanas</i> (36 times in NT = “adversary, one who opposes”
1 Thess. 2:19-20	Joy of bringing others to Christ	We rejoice at the opportunity to be involved in bringing Christ to others	1 Thessalonians 3:12-13; 2 Corinthians 1:14	“crown” from Gr. <i>stephanos</i> was symbolic of honor and victory
1 Thess. 2:19-20	Joy of bringing others to Christ	We rejoice when we see our fellow believers grow in their faith	Philippians 2:16; 4:1; 1 Corinthians 3:2; Hebrews 5:12-13	“you are our glory and joy” - what a beautiful and selfless attitude

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