



Title | Putting the Word to Work
Series | Living Like He's Coming
Text | 1 Thessalonians 2:13-16
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Sermon Notes

1 Thessalonians 2:13 And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers. **14** For you, brothers, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea. For you suffered the same things from your own countrymen as they did from the Jews, **15** who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out, and displease God and oppose all mankind **16** by hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles that they might be saved—so as always to fill up the measure of their sins. But wrath has come upon them at last! *ESV*

Big Idea:

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For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

In 1 Thessalonians 2:13, the apostle Paul writes to the believers in Thessalonica, making six points (expressed or implied): 1) The word is from God, 2) We conveyed the word to you, 3) You heard the word from us, 4) You received the word, 5) You accepted the word, and 6) The word is at work in you. This represents a six-step process by which the word of God comes to work in believers. Which steps are God's responsibility, and which are ours as believers?

Tuesday:

Read 2 Timothy 3:16 and 2 Peter 1:21. How do these scriptures relate to 1 Thessalonians 2:13, where Paul describes the word of God as that "which you heard from us"?

Wednesday:

Read Hebrews 4:12. How does it relate to 1 Thessalonians 2:13, where Paul says, "the word of God, which is at work in you believers"? How does the word of God work?

Thursday:

In 1 Thessalonians 2:13, what is the difference between hearing the word, receiving the word, and accepting the word? How are they related? How does James 1:22 relate? What specifically can you do to make sure you are regularly hearing, receiving, and accepting the word as the Thessalonians did?

Friday:

How can you apply God's word to your life right now?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, help me to develop the habit of hearing and receiving your word with a view to applying it, by your power, that it may be continually at work in me. Amen.

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