

1 Thes. 2:13-16

- I. Because of this, we give thanks to God continuously (13a)
- II. Reason: You accepted the Word of God and bore suffering for it (13b-16)
 - A. You received and accepted the Word of God (13b-f)
 - 1. Means: by receiving the Word of the message of God from us (13b)
 - 2. You did not accept the word of man, but the Word of God (13c-13f)
 - a Neg: You did not accept/receive the word of man (13c)
 - b Pos: But the Word of God, which it truly is (13d-13f)
 - 1) Just as it truly is (13d)
 - 2) the Word of God (13e-f)
 - a) You accepted/received the Word of God (13e)
 - b) Which is active and effective in the midst of you who believe (13f)
 - B. Reason: You suffered from your countrymen, just like them (14-16)
 - 1. You became imitators of the churches of God in Judea in Christ Jesus (14a)
 - 2. Reason: You suffered in the same kind of circumstances (14b-16)
 - a You suffered the same things under your own countrymen (14b)
 - b Just as these Jewish believers suffered under the Jews (14c-16)
 - 1) Just as these under the Jews (14c)
 - 2) Specific description of the Jews (15-16)
 - a) The Jews have been opposing Christ and the Gospel (15-16d)
 - (1) They killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets (15a)
 - (2) And they pursued/harassed/persecuted us/drove us out (15b)
 - (3) And they were not pleasing to God (15c)
 - (4) And they were being hostile to all people (15d)
 - (5) Worst of all, they tried to prevent us from preaching salvation to the gentiles (16a-d)
 - (a) They tried to prevent us from speaking salvation to the gentiles (16a-c)
 - (i) They prevented/hindered us (16a)
 - (ii) What they tried to prevent us from doing (16b-c)
 - ((a)) to speak to the gentiles/nations (16b)
 - ((b)) Purpose: So that they may be saved (16c)
 - (b) Result: They always fill up/complete their sins (16d)
 - b) The wrath has arrived upon them to the full (16e)