

1 Thess Class Schedule

date	passage	title
1/24/2021	1 Thess Overview	
1/31/2021	1 Thess 1:1-4	Greetings - Faith, Hope and Love
2/7/2021	1 Thess 1:5-7	Gospel came in power and in the Holy Spirit
2/14/2021	1 Thess 1:8-10	The Word of the Lord has sounded forth
2/21/2021	1 Thess 2:1-4	The message of the gospel was not in vain
2/28/2021	1 Thess 2:5-8	The message of the gospel was pure
3/7/2021	1 Thess 2:9-12	Paul's demeanor recalled and reviewed
3/14/2021	1 Thess 2:13-16	The Word of God welcomed & suffering endured
3/21/2021	1 Thess 2:17-20	The absence of Paul and joy for new believers
3/28/2021	1 Thess 3:1-5	The burden of Paul for new believers

Outline*

Response to God's Word 2:13-16

1. The Word Welcomed 2:13
 - a. The Response to the Word 2:13a
 - b. The Effect of the Word 2:13b
2. The Persecution Ensues 2:14-16
 - a. The Identity of the Persecutors 2:14-15a
 - b. The Hostility of the Persecutors 2:15b
 - c. The Effect of the Persecutors 2:16a
 - d. The Judgment of the Persecutors 2:16b

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subject: we - Paul, Silas and Timothy

verb: thank - *eucharisteō* - used in reference to God, to give thanks to God (present tense – cont. action)

modifier: constantly or unceasingly - the meaning --- is not that of unbroken continuity, but without omission on any occasion - see 1 Thess 1:3

•note the double emphasis on thanksgiving

direct object: God

for this reason – the reason is now stated in the remainder of verse 13

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subject: you (Thessalonians)

1st - verb: received - *paralambanō* - to receive from another

•objective reception (scripture is objective truth)

•1 Cor 15:1b Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received

modifier: the word of God which you heard from us

word of God – the word of the report (Interlinear)

from us (Paul, Silas and Timothy)

•God has entrusted believers with giving out His word!

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you accepted it

2nd - accepted – *dechomai* - to accept, by a deliberate and ready reception of what is offered

- The word *accepted*, which points to a personal and subjective act. It could well be translated *welcomed* McCalley
- Gal 4:14b but you received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus Himself
- subjective reception (or we appropriated the Word)

next the source of “the Word” is declared

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not as the word of men

- not having its source in man

but for what it really is, the word of God

but as it is truly the word of God (Interlinear)

it is – *eimi* – the state in which something continually exists

- They received and accepted it as truly God's word and it will never cease to be God's word.

- This word was out from God as a source

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which also performs its work in you who believe

which (*the word*) also works in you the ones believing

Interlinear

works - *energeō* - to bring to pass, to be active

Col 1:29b I labor, striving according to His power,
which mightily works within me.

- *energeo* is almost always used of supernatural activity [by Holy Spirit] in the New Testament McCalley
- the present tense – continuously working
- faith (belief) is the condition upon which the word of God works [*energeo*] in the believer's life. McCalley

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subject: you, brethren (Thessalonians)

verb: became- *ginomai* – to come into a new state of being

subj. comp.: imitators – *mimetes* - the accompanying verb [ginomai] is in the aorist tense, referring to the definite act of being imitators

of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea

- In 1 Thess 1:6 they had *imitated* the apostles in the area of Christian conduct. Now they join the rest of the churches in the brotherhood of common suffering. McCalley

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for (or because) **you also**

endured the same sufferings or suffered the same things

suffered – *paschō* - of suffering as followers of Christ

Phil 1:29 For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,

at the hands of your own countrymen, even as they did from the Jews

Thus, as an evidence of the power of the indwelling Word, [by the Holy Spirit], the suffering experience of the churches in Judea was reproduced in the believers at Thessalonica.

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¹⁵ who both killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out. They are not pleasing to God, but hostile to all men,

who (the Jews) both

killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets

killed – having killed (past point fact)

• Paul reminds the Thessalonians and us that suffering at the hands of one's own countrymen and even family is par for the course.

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and drove us out or having severely persecuted

• Luke 11:49b I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they shall slay and persecute.

• Paul had been driven out of Jerusalem - Acts 9:29 - 30

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and drove us out. They are not pleasing to God, but
hostile to all men,

They (the Jews) are not pleasing to God

pleasing - areskō - to be pleasing to, be acceptable to

- present tense - constant condition of the Jews
- the religious leaders who rejected Christ and turned the majority of the nation away from the Lord Keathley

but hostile to all men

hostile - *enantios* - over against; opposed as an
adversary, antagonistic

Acts 26:9 So then, I (Paul) thought to myself that I had to
do many things hostile to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

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hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles

hindering - *kōlyō* - to hinder, restrain, withhold, forbid

- Acts 17:4 And some of them were persuaded --- along with a large number of the God-fearing Greeks and a number of the leading women.

- [But] the Jews became jealous (v. 5). Taking a wicked mob of Gentiles from the market place they tried to drag Paul out of the house of one named Jason (vv. 5b-6a). In blind rage the Jews "stirred up the crowd" with hatred (v. 8). Vern notes

so that [with a purpose that] they may be saved

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with the result that or so as

they (Jews) fill up the measure of their sins always (Wuest)

fill up – *anaplēroō* - to fill up adequately, completely; of the Jews who persisted in their course of antagonism and unbelief

- The infinitive *fill up* implies a sin quotient and limitation.
- It is the point at which divine wrath becomes inevitable and fully deserved.

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But wrath has come upon them to the utmost. – Matt 12:28

- The sense of the verb is the arrival at the threshold of judgment, not the actual entering into judgment. McCalley

Final Thoughts

