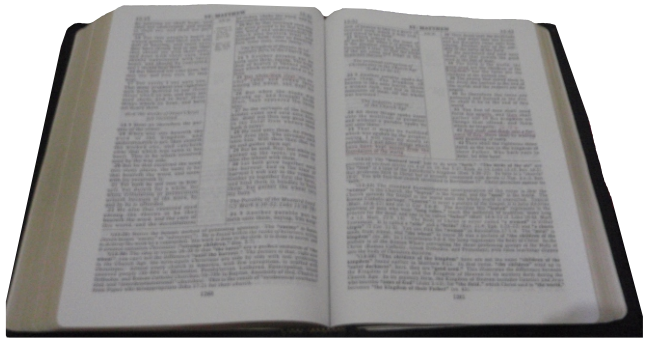
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A Bible Believers Commentary on

1Thessalonians
Chapter 2

Comparing spiritual things with spiritual

The entrance of thy words giveth light
Ps. 119:130

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Chapter 1 - Paul the Evangelist

" 2 - Paul the Pastor

2:1-2- Paul in Acts 16 - Whipped
Paul in Acts 17 - went to Thessalonica with whip marks on his back and started preaching.

- Paul was bold even after being beaten.

- Paul was beaten, jailed but never quit.

- Acts 4:13, 29, 31

2:3- deceit - Paul's preaching wasn't deceitful.

- uncleanness- Paul's motive was pure. He wasn't living the wrong kind of Life.

- nor in guile- Paul's preaching wasn't with trickery or guile.

- Paul gave people the truth and trusted God and the Holy Spirit to get them saved.

- 1Th. 1:5- Paul gve them the word with the power of the Holy Ghost with much assurance.

- Jer. 48:10- Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord deceitfully.

2:4- Put in trust - A person who is put in trust with responsibility is a steward.

- 1Cor. 4:1-2

2:4- Put in trust with the gospel -

- 1Tim. 1:12- Paul was trust worthy.

2:19- Paul didn't let Satan get to him he had his affections on things above.

- Col. 3:1-2

2:19- Paul is saying you Thessalonians are my crown of rejoicing

- Why is it a crown of rejoicing?

- Lk. 15:7- Joy in Heaven over one sinner

- They rejoice in Heaven when people get saved.

- Dan. 12:3

- There are 5 Crowns you can get at the judgement seat of Christ.

1- 2Tim. 4:8- **Crown of Righteousness**
- for loving Christ return

2- Jam. 1:12- Rev. 2:10- **Crown of Life**
- For resisting temptation and dying as a martyr.

3- 1Cor. 9:24-27- **Incorruptible Crown**
- For faithfully running the christian race and controlling your body.

4- 1Pet. 5:1-4- **Crown of Glory**
- For being a faithful minister

5- 1Th. 2:19- **Crown of Rejoicing**

- For leading people to Christ

- Rev. 4:8-11- Cast your crowns

- Are you going to have any crowns to cast at Jesus feet?

- 2Tim. 3:8- Satan will hinder the Gospel from getting out.

- Jannes and Jambres duplicate miracles to hinder the truth.

- Ex. 7:11, 18

- Lk. 11:52- hindering people from coming to Church

- Neh. 4:7-8- Sanballat and Tobiah hinder the work of God.

- Lk. 9:42- and when he was yet coming

    - Satan will always hinder you from coming to Jesus Christ

- Acts 16:16- Hinder you from praying

- Acts 13:4-12- Hinder the preaching

- Gen. 15:11- Birds tried to hinder Abraham from making a sacrifice.

- Satan doesnt hinder you from getting rich, If he can't get one way he will get you another.

- Eph. 6:12- We wrestle not against flesh and blood

- 2Cor. 10:4- Our weapons

- 1Pet. 5:8-9

- Jam. 4:7

- Jesus Conquered Satan

- Jesus lives inside of you, all you have to do is **resist** the devil is a defeated foe.

2:4- <u>not as pleasing men</u>

- Gal. 1:10

- A man pleaser is not a God pleaser.

- 1Th. 2:2- with much contention

- Pr. 13:10- only by pride

- Jam. 4:6- God resisteth the proud

    - People are proud and resist the truth and cause contention.

- If your preaching the word of God you will have contention

2:4- <u>allowed of God</u> to be put in trust

- A steward owns nothing, but possesses and uses every thing that belongs to his master.

- Every steward one day will give account of his stewardship.

- Lk. 16:1-2

- 2Cor. 4:4-7 - this treasure

- The treasure- is the Glorious Gospel vs. 4 and vs. 6 the light of the knowledge of the glory of God

- God has given us a treasure - The Gospel

- What did you do with your treasure?

- Did you bury it or did you invest it.

- You have to give it out to invest it.

2:5- flattering words

- Flatterer - is a person who lavishes praise, often insincerely; a sycophant

- sycophant- a person who acts obsequiously toward someone important in order to gain advantage.

- Paul didn't flatter anyone to gain advantage or status.

- Oh don't you look wonderful today, is that a new suit.

2:5- as ye know

- People were critizing Paul the way he acted

- But they knew better - as ye know

1:5- as ye know

2:1- know our entrance in unto you

2:11- as ye know

3:4-

- Paul is defending himself because he has been accused of doing these things.

4:2-

2:5- cloke of covetousness

- Paul wasn't decitfull of dishonest a lot of preachers hide the fact they are in it for the money.

- 1Tim. 3:3- not greedy of filthy lucre

- wrath has come on them in quantity and in time but not forever.

- 1940s Jews killed by the millions but that's not forever

- This is nothing compared to what their going to get in the Tribulation.

- Rom. 11:25, 28

2:17- Paul went to Thessalonica and preached for three weeks and got a Church started.

2:18- But Satan hindered us

- Hindered Paul from going back to his converts.

- It's eaier to lead them to Christ than to follow up on them and teach them bible.

- Rom. 15:22- 1- teaching converts

- Gen. 24:56- 2- bringing people to Christ

- Ezra 6:8- 3- Not enough support to get the Gospel out.

- 2Cor. 2:11- for we are not ignorant of his devices.

- Acts 16:6-7- Sometimes it not Satan hindering you it's the Holy Spirit.

- Satan always hates Christians fellowshipping together.

- There is strength in numbers.

- This is why it's so important to go to Church.

b- Rom. 11:28- Even though they are enemies of the Gospel.

c- Ps. 122:6- You are to pray for their peace

d- Deu. 4:3-38, 7:6, 14:2, 26:18-19 - You are to revere them as a nation since they are God's chosen people.

2:16- Satan will hinder you from trying to lead people to Christ.

2:16- What saves a gentile?

- **Speaking**- the word of God

2:16- to fill up their sins alway

- Its like when you sin your cup feels up a little fuller.

- Like pouring water in a cup until it over flows.

- Gen. 15:16- When their sin is full the judgement of God comes.

- Rom. 2:5- they are storing up wrath against the day of wrath.

- Mt. 23:31-32- Christ speaking

- Fill ye up then

- Mt. 23:33- How can ye escape

2:16- - For wrath is come upon them to the uttermost

- Amplyfied bible says

" wrath has come upon them at last {completely and forever}

2:5- God is witness

- Paul new God is watching, Paul was doing right and the people were wrong and God knows it.

2:6- Burdensome

- Paul could of been a burden to them he had the authority.

- 2Cor. 10:8- authority- His authority is spiritual

- Authority is for edification not destruction

2:7- But we were gentle among you.

- As an apostle he could of been burdensome to them but he was gentle.

- Paul had the highest exalted position in the church and he was gentle to them.

2:7- Even as a nurse cherisheth her children

- Paul is making follow up visits to his converts and he is not mean but gentle, like a nurse

- A gentle mother - a mother nurses her children

- Paul was humble– like a gentle mother

- Isa. 66:3- God comforts like a mother

- Be easy and gentle on your converts

- A mother will take five hours a day nursing her child it's her life.

- She takes care of that baby

- A pastor takes care of his flock especially babes in Christ.

- Devote time to your kids

- A mothers job is work

- New Converts are word

- Ps. 18:35 - thy gentleness hath made me great

- 1Pet. 2:2- as new born babes

- A child will become effected by what the mother eats.

- feed them spiritual food

- Num. 11:12- Nursing father

- Moses ws getting fatigued

- If ll you do is help others you'll lose your strength

- Alone time - mothers need it, Feed yourself

2:8- So

- connected with a gentle nurse

- Paul gave them his whole heart, soul and body

- Paul was a

- Faithful Steward- 2:1-5
- Gentle Mother- 2:6-8
- Concerned Father- 2:9-12

2:9-12- Paul is like a Father

2:9- Labor and travail

- Fathers should work

2:9- Paul was a tent maker to shut the mouths of those who said he was doing it for the money.

- If your getting ready to quit and throw in the towel because of the affliction don't quit.

- 1Th. 3:3- For yourselves know that we are appointed there unto.

- Your afflictions are not accidents there appointments.

- If you know their coming then you can be prepared for them.

- Sufferings, Persecution, Contrariness and Satanic attacks

- 1Th. 2:18- Satan hindered us

2:15- Who - Jews in 2:14

2:15- The Jews killed both their Lord and messiah Jesus Christ and the prophets, and they persecute believers.

- There are two sides to a Jew.

1- a- Rom. 11:8-10 - Jews are blinded to the truth.

b- Rom. 11:11-13 - Jews temporarily are set aside.

c- Mt. 8:11-12, – All unsaved Jews as individuals go to hell.
- Lk. 16:-24

d- Israel in the dispersion is not pleasing to God.

e- They are not pleasing to the Gentiles.

f- The wrath of God is on them as a nation

2- a- Rom. 11:28- They are beloved for the fathers sake.

- 1Th. 2:13- Here belief makes the word effectual
the oppisite

2:14- There is nothing wrong in seeing how one church works and following them as an example.

- The Thessalonians followed the pattern of the Judaea Churches and suffered for their stand and testimony.

2:14- The Judaea Church suffered and the Thessalonian church suffered.

- We all have something in common, you are not suffering alone.

- 1Cor. 10:13- such as is common

- 1Pet. 5:9- knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished.

- Everybody is going thru the same things you Thessalonians are.

2:14- Suffered
2:15- Persecuted
2:15- Contrary

- When a man gets saved he will suffer. He will be persecuted and everything will run contrary toward you.

- Paul is warning them.

- 1Th. 1:6- in much affliction

- 1Th. 3:3- That no man should be moved by these afflictions.

- Afflictions move Christians

2:10- Paul worked for his converts

- Paul walked the right walk for his converts

2:10- <u>We behaved ourselves among you</u>

- How- <u>holily</u> - <u>justly</u> - <u>unblameably</u>

2:11- We have - Paul's work
Paul's walk
Paul's words

2:11- Paul exhorted and comforted

- A concerned father
- A comforting father

-ILL- a little child gets hurt playing

- mom - OHHH

- dad - way to go son

- You need a balance

- Ps. 27:10

2:11- <u>Comforted</u>

- Paul is not pampering them but comforting them

2:11- <u>Charged</u>

- Ordered - command

- A father gives orders and commands

2:11- <u>every one of you</u>

- a pastor talks to his converts individually personel
- help your church like you would your own kids, family

2:11- as a father

- A father talks to his children one at a time

- Why does a father do all this, what's his aim and goal?

2:12- <u>Ye would walk worthy of God</u>

2:12- Follow up on your converts

- You need to be – A concerned father
  A gentle mother

- Why?

- 2:18- Satan hindered us

- The devil will hinder you from doing follow up.

2:13- <u>Thank we God without ceasing</u>

- What does Paul thank God unceasing for?

- Thessalonians reception of the Word of God

- Received the word of God not the word of men.

- Pastor preaches – Holy Spirit teaches
  man God

- Do you believe the Scripture is the Word of God

2:13- <u>Thank we God</u>

- A thankful spirit will kill murmuring and complaining

- If you are thanking God with out ceasing there is no time to complain

- fill up your day with thanks giving and you won't have time to do wrong.

2:13- thank we God

- Paul didn't thank God for the Galatians

  - Gal. 1:6; 3:1, 5:7

- Nor the Corinthians

  - 1Cor. 5:1- fornicators
    " 14- miss use of gifts
    " 11- miss use of the Lords supper

- But Paul didn't dwell on them - He was thanking God for who is serving Christ and loves his word.

2:13- <u>Which ye heard of us</u>

- Rom. 10:14- how shall they hear without a preacher

- If you receive the word of God as the word of men then you can judge the word.

- False bibles - they are the word of men

- Our opinion amounts to nothing

- The Word of God judges us

2:13- <u>effectually worketh</u> also in you that believe.

- The word of God works in you after you are saved.

- The people who believe the book after your saved God will work in you.

- Mt. 9:29- According to your faith be it unto you.

- Mk. 7:13- Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition.