

1 Thessalonians 04 - (2:9-14)

Following God by Following Paul

1. 2:8-9 – Ye remember our labour and travail

- a. Paul's labour was his job – Acts 18:3; “with these hands” - 20:32-35
- b. There was a problem with not working in Thessalonica → 2 Thess 3:6-12
 - i. They were working for the gospel, but not for bread
 - ii. If you don't work you don't eat → contrary to Luke 12:24-31
 - iii. 'Give us this day our daily bread' is not your prayer – Mat 6:11
- c. Paul had the authority to reap carnal things → 1 Cor 9:1-12
 - i. Not as priests, but “as apostles” (2:6) -> 9:5-6
- d. He did not reap so that he could boast in the gospel – 1 Cor 9:15-19
- e. Paul's instructions: walk honestly towards them without - 1 Thess 4:11-12

2. 2:10-12 – Ye are witnesses of our behavior

- a. “as a father” – exhort, comfort, charge → 1 Tim 1:3, Col 4:8, and 2 Tim 4:2
- b. “walk worthy” – holy, just, without blame is the life of grace - Titus 2:12
 - i. Our new man is not profane - Eph 4:24, Rom 6:19-22
- c. “unto his kingdom” – Is this the gospel of the kingdom? No.
 - i. Gospel of the kingdom = Mark 1:14,15, Mat 3:
 - ii. Hath translated us into the kingdom of his Son - Col 1:13
 - iii. Not meat and drink? - Rom 14:17, 1 Cor 4:20; or Luke 12:31, 22:30
 - iv. Paul's is a heavenly kingdom → 2 Tim 4:18, Eph 2:6
 - v. Peter's kingdom is an earthly kingdom → Mat 6:10, Luke 1:33
 - vi. Christ is the King- 1 Tim 1:17; he is our Head - Col 1:18, 2:19
- d. We are called to glory → Rom 8:18, Col 3:4

3. 2:13 – Ye received the word of God from us

- a. 2:13 – Paul spoke God's words → 1 Thess 4:2,
 - i. The word of God rejected - Acts 13:46; what was it? 13:38-39
 - ii. Paul was God's spokesman – 1 Cor 9:16-17, Rom 11:13, Col 1:25
 - iii. His instructions were Jesus' – 1 Cor 11:1, 4:16, 15:3; 2 Tim 2:7-8
 - iv. The words are confirmed by the prophets - 1 Cor 14:37
- b. Inspiration: God's words through human mouths - 2 Tim 3:16
 - i. Inspired speakers can be unaware – 1 Cor 7:12; John 11:49-51
 - ii. Inspired speakers may not know what they say – 1 Peter 1:11-12
 - iii. Inspiration is NOT private interpretation – 2 Peter 1:20-21
 - iv. Preservation is required to have the words!
- c. “worketh effectually in you” – it was not void of power – Phm 6

4. 2:14-16 – Ye suffered of your own countrymen

- a. “follow the churches in Judea” – the phrase is not all-inclusive
 - i. The high priest persecuted them – Acts 5:26-29, 40-41
 - ii. Saul persecuted the church - Acts 8:1
 - iii. Others persecuted the church in Jerusalem – Acts 12:1-2