

1 Thessalonians 05 - (2:14-3:3)

Enduring Afflictions

1. **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 the Judaeans– Acts 5:26-29, 40-41
 - ii. Saul persecuted the church in Judaea - Acts 8:1
 - iii. Herod persecuted the church in Jerusalem – Acts 12:1-2
 - b. “killed the Lord Jesus,...” – not anti-Semitism, Rom 3:1
 - i. Stephen’s message - Acts 7:51-52
 - ii. “please not God” → Mat 23:23 & Rom 10:3
 - c. “forbidding us...” – Acts 17:4-5 & 17:13
 - i. Paul’s ministry in Acts tells Israel’s rejection → Acts 14:19, 18:12
 - ii. To fill up their sins ‘always’ – Mat 23:27-34
 - iii. “for the wrath” – Rom 1:18, 2:5 → 1 Thess 5:2 & 9
2. **2:17-18 – Satan’s hindering**
 - a. “being taken...” – Paul did not leave of his own accord – Acts 17:4
 - b. “endeavoured more abundantly” – 2:4, not men pleasers
 - c. Satan’s strategy – 2 Cor 4:3-4
 - i. He has a natural course - Eph 2:2-3
 - ii. His ministers - 11:3-4,13-15
 - iii. He is in a doctrinal battle! – Eph 6:11-12
 - iv. Satan works through lying ideas and power- 2 Thess 2:7-10
 - v. Satan ~ *def.* Adversary, one who opposes or plots against
 - vi. He is not omniscient nor omnipotent like God – 1 Cor 2:7-8
3. **2:19-20 – Crown of rejoicing**
 - a. “what is our hope?” – his motivation, his gain, not as from Christ
 - b. “crown of rejoicing” – the accomplishment, honor, reward
 - i. The crown is not physical – 1 Cor 9:25, 2 Tim 4:8
 - ii. so that he present every man perfect - Col 1:28
 - iii. “ye in the presence of our Lord” – Phil 1:9,11, 2:16, 4:1
 - c. “ye are our glory”
 - i. Children’s children are the crown of old men – Prov 17:6, 2 John 4
 - ii. Paul’s spiritual children – 2:7, 2:11, 1 Cor 4:15
4. **3:1-3 – Appointed to affliction**
 - a. Establish and comfort – Acts 14:21-23
 - b. “we are appointed thereunto” – Acts 9:16
 - c. “not moved by these afflictions” – Phil 1:12 and 2 Tim 1:8
 - i. Continue in the work of faith – 1 Cor 15:58, Eph 3:13, Col 1:23
 - d. “the Lord delivered me ...” - 2 Tim 3:11-12 see 2 Cor 4 for how