

1 Thessalonians

Week 4: A Spiritual Look Behind the Scenes.

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1 Thessalonians 2:13-20 Our passage today give us a glimpse into the spiritual world. Those things that are not perceived through physical abilities but rather faith and inspiration by the Holy Spirit.

1. The origin and effectiveness of the scriptures. Vs. 13
Everyone must answer questions about truth or their view of the world. What is ultimate reality? What is a human being? What is the nature of the universe? What happens when we die? What is the purpose of life? Is it possible to know anything for certain at all?

What are some different places people gain their view of the world? _____

The Bible is to be the Christians resource to develop a worldview- this begins by accepting that it's words have come from God himself. What are your sources for answers to life questions? _____

II Peter 1:19-21 _____ the Bible doesn't just reveal truth– It works in our lives! Hebrews 4:12-13

2. The universality of the gospel. Vs. 14-16a

Thankfully the good news of Jesus wasn't just for the Jews, it was for the whole world! (1 Timothy 2:1-7; Matthew 24:14; Matthew 28:18-20) _____ We are to be people who support the spreading of the gospel in our own nation and in every nation. But there is opposition! In the human realm most often from governments. (Psalm 2:1-6). The idea that all religions are the same as long as you are sincere, is not compatible with the Words of Jesus recorded in the gospels or any Biblical teaching.

3. The consequences for opposition to the gospel. Vs 17

Those who oppose God and His plan will face the wrath of God. The Jews have faced it! In particular concerning the Jews: The Babylonian Exile (587 BC). The destruction of Jerusalem by Rome (AD 70). Many nations have faced it in the past, are now currently. All who oppose God will face it. (Rev. 19-20:15).

4. The work of the Adversary (Satan). Vs. 17-18

Until Satan is defeated he will continue to oppose you as a Christian. He will oppose your family your church and all who seek to do the will of God. This particular instance concerning Paul is probably referring to Acts 17:5-9 where Jason was arrested and accused of causing trouble. In order to post bond, it would have been conditioned on the promise that he, as far as it depended upon him, would guarantee of a peaceful community. A failure to do so could result in loss of freedom, property or even his life. This is probably what kept Paul from returning.

5. The Apostles Glory and Crown. Vs. 19.

What was it that excited Paul and His team about the coming of the LORD? The people to whom they had opportunity to minister who would be with them in heaven! What do you consider your glory and Crown?
