



WEEK 2 | RELIANCE ON GOD | 1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-20

Inspection: What Does It Say?

What had happened to Paul and his companions in Philippi? Verse 2

List 5 false motives that Paul says they never used in preaching the gospel? Verses 3-6

In what ways had Paul treated the Thessalonians as a mother and father? Verses 7, 11, and 12

What did the Thessalonians do when they heard the Word of God? Verse 13

What was Paul's hope, joy, and crown? Verse 19

Observation: What Does It Mean?

What does it mean to be entrusted with the Gospel? How are we entrusted?

How has greed changed the church in America?

How does seeking the praise of men as seen in verse 6 impact the servant of God?

Consider Paul's work ethic in verse 9. How does this cause you to look at your work choices?

In what ways does Satan stop Christians from achieving God's will?

Life Application: What Does It Mean For Me?

Remove any greed, flattery, trickery, or impure motives from your life.

Consider expanding your work in order to bless others.

Pray for all Jews who still deny Jesus as being the Messiah.

Pray for all Gentiles who still need Jesus as their Savior.

Plan a trip in order to encourage other fellow believers in Christ.

Meditation: What Does God Say?

Isaiah 30:20-21

1 Peter 5:10

Psalms 34:18

Philippians 4:5b-7

Romans 8:18

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Isaiah 43:2

James 1:2-4

Supplication: What Can We Meditate?

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

I am coming to You now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of My joy within them. I have given them Your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world.

My prayer is not that You take them out of the world but that You protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify Myself, that they, too, may be truly sanctified.

Jesus Prays for All Believers

My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in Me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as You are in Me and I am in You. May they also be in Us so that the world may believe that You have sent Me.

I have given them the glory that You gave Me, that they may be one as We are one—I in them and You in Me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that You sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me.

Father, I want those You have given Me to be with Me where I am, and to see My glory, the glory You have given Me because You loved Me before the creation of the world.

Righteous Father, though the world does not know You, I know You, and they know that You have sent Me. I have made You known to them, and will continue to make You known in order that the love You have for Me may be in them and that I Myself may be in them.

Jesus: John 17:13-26