

Sermon Scripture Passage: I Thessalonians 2:13-20

13 And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers. 14 For you, brothers, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea. For you suffered the same things from your own countrymen as they did from the Jews, 15 who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out, and displease God and oppose all mankind 16 by hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles that they might be saved—so as always to fill up the measure of their sins. But wrath has come upon them at last!

17 But since we were torn away from you, brothers, for a short time, in person not in heart, we endeavored the more eagerly and with great desire to see you face to face, 18 because we wanted to come to you—I, Paul, again and again—but Satan hindered us. 19 For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? 20 For you are our glory and joy.

Scripture References:

Acts 17:5-9 - But the Jews were jealous, and taking some wicked men of the rabble, they formed a mob, set the city in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the crowd. 6 And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, 7 and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus." 8 And the people and the city authorities were disturbed when they heard these things. 9 And when they had taken money as security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

Isaiah 55: 8-9 - For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Revelation 12:17 - Then the dragon became furious with the woman and went off to make war on the rest of her offspring, on those who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.

Romans 5:3-5 -Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Romans 5:18 - For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us

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Ready for the Day #3 – I Thessalonians 2:13-20 – Pros and Cons

Can you name the Company/Product that goes with this Slogan?

Eat Fresh:	Just Do It:	Can you hear me now?:
Taste the rainbow:	Have it your way:	You're in good hands:
Democracy Dies in Darkness:	We try harder:	The breakfast of champions:
Fly the Friendly Skies:	It's finger-lickin' good:	You deserve a break today:
Where's the Beef?:	Squeezably Soft:	Plop! Plop! Fizz! Fizz!:

Acts 17:5 – The Jewish leaders were _____ of Paul and organized a group of rabblers to call for Paul's arrest.

_____ was a Greek Christian, who was arrested for hosting and supporting Paul and Silas.

2:13 The gospel was received not as the word of _____ but as the word of God.

What reason could you give someone for believing the Bible is the word of God?

2:14-15 The Thessalonians faced the same opposition as the church in _____. (Acts 4-12)

2:16 The Main Opposition for early church was the Jewish leaders, but it would later (by the time of the book of Revelation) be the Roman _____ who persecuted them.

2:17-20 Ultimately, God's _____, Satan was behind the opposition they faced.

Three Truths about the Opposition Believers Face

One – The gospel of God does not depend on the _____ of government or society.

Two - The gospel message can take root and even flourish in _____ conditions.

Three – God uses opposition to build within us a _____ faith.

What reason would you give that Jesus really is worth it despite the trials we will face?

When has the Lord sustained you through one of those trials?

Sermon Handout Answers:

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| • <i>Subway</i> | <i>Nike</i> | <i>Verizon</i> |
| • <i>Skittles</i> | <i>Burger King</i> | <i>Allstate</i> |
| • <i>Washington Post</i> | <i>Avis</i> | <i>Wheaties</i> |
| • <i>United Airlines</i> | <i>Kentucky Fried Chicken</i> | <i>McDonalds</i> |
| • <i>Wendy's</i> | <i>Charmin</i> | <i>Alka Seltzer</i> |

Fill in the Blank Answers:

- Jealous
- Jason
- *Men*
- *Judea (or Jerusalem)*
- *Authorities*
- *Enemy*
- *Favor*
- *Harsh*
- *Steadfast*
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