

1 Thessalonians 2

- 1) Paul mentions his (and Silas and Timothy's) treatment at Philippi, and the conditions under which he preached at Thessalonica:
 - a) How was Paul treated at Philippi? (*see Acts 16 for help*)
 - b) How was Paul treated at Thessalonica? (*see Acts 17 for help*)
- 2) List the things that did NOT characterize Paul's preaching: (*vs. 3-6*)
- 3) What (2) family illustrations does Paul use to describe his care for the Thessalonians?
- 4) What did Paul mean when he said that he, Silas and Timothy imparted to the Thessalonians, not the gospel only, but also *their "own lives"*?
- 5) According to 1 Thess. 2:9 and 2 Thess. 3:8, what did Paul and his preaching companions do in order to avoid *being burdensome* to the new converts?
 - a) From what other church did Paul not accept pay?
 - b) Was his reason for not accepting pay from this church the same as it was with the Thessalonians? Explain: (*use 2 Cor. 11:12 for help*)
 - c) Of course, Paul did receive church support from elsewhere at both of these places: From where did he receive that help? (*hint: Philippians 4:17; 2 Cor. 11:9*)

- 6) How were the Thessalonian brethren to “walk?”
- 7) What did the Thessalonian brethren believe regarding the author and origin of the gospel message? (v. 13)
- a) What was Paul’s reaction to this understanding that they had of the gospel?
 - b) How does the gospel “work” today?
- 8) Though the Thessalonian letter was written to a predominantly *Gentile* church (they had turned “from idols” - 1 Thess. 1:9), Paul speaks of what they had suffered from their own *Jewish* “countrymen” (obviously “Jews” according to verses 14-16). Using Acts 13:50; **Acts 14:2**; Acts 17:5-9, or additional passages that you may think of, explain how the Jews did this:
- 9) According to verse 18, what had Paul wanted to do that he was hindered from doing?
- a) What was the hindering cause?
 - b) Who earlier prevented Paul from preaching in Asia and Bithynia? (Acts 16:6-7)
 - c) What lesson can we learn from these passages regarding our tendency to attribute causes and events to God or satan?
- 10) What would be Paul’s joy and crown of rejoicing?