1Thess 32

Find a rhythm within your Bible study.

Keep in mind I will be off this Sunday and I will be back to teach and do the Lord’s Supper next Tuesday January 3rd.

Be safe and enjoy the New Year celebration this weekend with those who you love and respect.

Open back up in 1Thessalonians chapter two and let us begin in verse 9.

1Thes 2:9 For you recall, brothers *and sisters,* our labor and hardship: *it was by* working night and day so as not to be a burden to any of you, *that* we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

The Apostle Paul always made sure the new churches and new Bels understood he was a man of integrity and that he was ordained by GOD for the office of apostleship.

He did this by not approaching a new group of Bels seeking support first, but just bringing them the gospel and then pertinent doctrines to feed them.

[1Th 2:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/2/10/s_1113010) You are witnesses, and *so is* God, *of* how devoutly and rightly and blamelessly we behaved toward you believers;

There comes a point once you recognize the gift of pastor-teacher or any one in leadership. That you willingly submit yourself to the authority of what they are doing in that leadership role.

[1Th 2:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/2/11/s_1113011) just as you know how *we were* exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father *would* his own children,

[1Th 2:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/2/12/s_1113012) so that you would walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.

The Apostle Paul fulfilled his calling as a man of God teaching the word.

He had even sent in Timothy behind himself to follow up with BD to these Greek converts.

/[1Th 2:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/2/13/s_1113013) For this reason we also constantly thank God that **when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not *as* the word of *mere* men,** but as what it really is, **the word of God**, which also is at work in you who believe.\

The Apostle Paul was called by GOD to be the teacher of the Gentiles.

TLJC touched Paul in a very intimate way and ordained him to not only be the 12th Apostle – but to be the leader in teaching mystery doctrine of the CA.

The majority of the Jews had rejected TLJC and the nation of Israel had bucked the authority of the word for thousands of years – now in this new dispensation it was a time for the Gentiles to come into the authority of the WORD.

Part of mystery doctrine was the insertion of the CA which interrupts the age of Israel. Meaning predominantly a Gentile church goes forward until the Rapture.

These Bels recognize Paul’s authority, they accepted his teaching as authentic.

[1Th 2:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/2/14/s_1113014) For you, brothers *and sisters,* became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea, for you also endured the same sufferings at the hands of your own countrymen, even as they *did* from the Jews,

This is a gift when a pastor gets to a point where he is teaching what God the HS tells him and those under his authority begin to accept it and grow in that ministry.

/1Thess 2:13 *For this reason we also constantly thank God*-

Because of serious Bels in Thessalonica, those who had a pattern of study and follow-up, there is a grateful relief for the Apostle Paul (present tense).\

That is why he writes we thank God without ceasing — Paul is thankful because the Thessalonian Believers responded to God’s Word.

If you have established a pastor-teacher is teaching you accurately, you only hurt yourself by the continuation of taking that which’s he teaches you lightly. When you first come under a teacher you should take caution and vet that man and more importantly the message – you will always find flaws and problems with the man – the important part is what is his message!

If it is the word of God and God the HS is active in that ministry then buckle down and study – take it serious! If not, go find the teacher you know is ordained by GOD.

REPEAT

But you hurt your own spiritual growth and walk with GOD when you do not accept the authority of the word from a prepared, ordained pastor-teacher.

/1Thes 2:13 – *you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it*

*Paralambanō,* to receive or take hold, fully grasp or understand mentally and physically, to welcome in.

*Dechomai,* to accept or learn and carry with endurance.\

PARA-LAM-BONO, to receive to take hold of, to grasp and fully understand physically and mentally. To seize in a strong fashion (military).

DECO-MY, to accept, to sustain and carry what you have learned.

The words - *“you received”* is an aorist, active participle.

The action of the aorist participle precedes the action of the main verb, and the main verb is given, “you received.” The term- *“you received”* is literally, *“you welcomed it.”*  You had an open heart and open mind and welcomed it.

When they received or heard the Word of God they welcomed it, or made it at home within their soul. The word *“receive”* is really mentioned twice here. The first time it means to welcome and the second time it means to welcome.

It just has a different Greek verb representing it.

To welcome means to bring into your home to embrace very personally.

Bible Doctrine is welcomed in and carried or made to dwell, to find a home in your soul structure.

/1Thes 2:13 - *not as the word of mere men, but as what it really is, the word of God, which also is at work in you who believe.*

They understood the difference between human viewpoint and divine viewpoint. BD continues to work in them (present tense).\

So, the Word of God is at home not as human viewpoint but as divine viewpoint, knowing that truth is singular they make a positive decision for truth.

The result is, the word of God is effective and moving forward in the positive Bel’s life. It means to be actively operational.

It is a present tense; it keeps on being actively operational. When the Word of God works in us it works for our benefit. The Word of God is the worker, the energy source is BD. The Word of God is actively operational *“in those who believe.”*

REPEAT

All Bels are called into operational functions with BD as the energy source, the knowledge base and the guide for application.

If you are not under the proper authority of the teaching of God’s word …that falls upon you – that is your own responsibility.

All Bels are called to follow the lead of the Apostles. The Apostles are established as church leaders who followed in the footsteps of Christ.

/Philp 3:17 Brothers *and sisters,* **join in following my example**, and **observe those who walk according to the pattern**you have in us. 18 **For many walk**, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even as I weep, *that they are* **the enemies of the cross of Christ**,\

The Apostles were not involved in denominational nonsense. They took great pains in teaching the accuracy of the word.

The Apostles never got involved in huge, emotional ministries – they avoided that foolishness, they warned against it!

Our Lord never got involved in emotional teaching – other than a few times when HE displayed, perfect, righteous indignation against the religious crowd.

Our Lord Jesus Christ made Bible study a time to think, contemplate and learn new principles and deeper truth.

Notice – anyone who opposes the truth of BD is an enemy of the cross of Christ.

In a lesson on the reminder of what they had already been taught and the one ritual we continue in the CA, the Apostle Paul uses repetition to the stumbling Bels at Corinth.

/1Cor 11:1 **Be imitators of me,** just as I also am of Christ. 2 Now I praise you because **you remember me in everything** and **hold firmly to the traditions**, just as I handed them down to you.

These traditions are not part of Apostle Paul’s past (Sanhedrin). These are verbal instructions (mystery doctrine) and preparing them for the one ritual in CA – Eucharist.\

This whole chapter is a preparation for a lesson on the Lord’s Supper. There were problems with the chain of command and loose lifestyles among some of the congregation at Corinth.

BD is designed to teach, to guide, to give hope or strength - as well as to reprimand and push Bels toward SM.

/Some people agree with the truth of the word of God, but at the same time, they say we can’t be sure of what GOD says. When we press the teaching of the Bible, they like to reply, *“That’s just your interpretation.”* There are certainly some places where the word of God is hard to precisely interpret, yet that becomes a call for having an ordained pastor. The Bible has a clear calling for the authority of church leadership. Bels reject the authority of the pastor-teacher from arrogance or apathy, yet it cannot be denied!

(Deu 27:9, Jer 3:15, Amos 2:11, Luk 6:40, Mat 28:19, Eph 3:7, Eph 4:11, Rom 10:14, 1Cor 12:28, 2Tim 4:5) \

Right there, are just a few scriptures that clearly point out the gift of pastor-teacher or the calling of church leadership for a teaching ministry.

Jeremiah prophesied a future tense of church leadership in the realm of teaching.

/Jer 3:15 “Then **I will give you shepherds after My own heart**, who will feed you **knowledge** and **understanding**.

Pastor-teachers are called to guide, feed and teach knowledge, not opinions, popular ideologies or emotional nonsense.\

People can deny the office and deny the calling, but they are denying the clear call within scripture.

Jump over to Ephesians chapter one.

God has always put a calling on certain men to teach and speak HIS word with clarity and accuracy.

It all revolves around the filling power of God the HS – whether it is a pastor or congregation member we all have to allow God to do the work within us.

/Philp 2:13 for **it is God who is at work in you**, both to desire and to work for *His* good pleasure.

The work is spiritual not in the natural (flesh). It first means we recognize the power of God the HS and handle the word with accuracy.\

This letter to Ephesus was written by Paul from Roman imprisonment in 62 AD. Both Ephesians and Colossians were delivered by Tychicus.

Onesimus was believed to have carried the letter of Philemon.

Ephesians was designed to correct reversionism, not just in Ephesus but throughout many churches.

It begins with the basic concepts of the plan of God for CA Bels and then goes deeper into the angelic conflict later on.

/Eph 1:18 *I pray that* **the eyes of your heart may be enlightened**, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

The eyes of the heart- speak to the soul structure, meaning what is being constructed within your life. Norms & standards, ideologies, thoughts or beliefs.\

The WORD of GOD is designed to change us – we do not change the WORD to fit our desires or lifestyle.

Your whole spiritual walk, spiritual growth and problem-solving skills are all dependent upon your Bible study.

/[Eph 1:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/1/19/s_1098019) and what is the boundless greatness of **His power toward us who believe**. *These are* in accordance with**the working of the strength of His might**

Your union with Christ is designed for spiritual intellect and spiritual power in this temporal battle. Yet if the WORD is not handled in the right fashion or is neglected the Bel has only their flesh to rely upon.\

[Eph 1:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/1/20/s_1098020) which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly *places,*

Everything comes from our union with Christ. Our LORD sat down at the right hand of the throne in victory and many Bels choose to live in defeat instead.

Many Bels live like Unbels and there is no one to blame but themselves.

/Eph 2:1 And **you were dead in your offenses and sins**, 2 in **which you previously walked** according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in **the sons of disobedience.**

You make daily choices for the kingdom of heaven or for the kingdom of darkness every day.\

There are two sides of this battle!

Many Bels walk backward in this temporal life instead of forward in eternal victory.

In the spiritual warfare there is no middle ground – at any given moment you are helping one side or the other.

You are either walking in the new nature or old nature at any given moment.

/Your Bible study habits will dictate your rate of spiritual growth. Your Bible study content will dictate the depth of your spiritual IQ. The importance of your personal rhythm of Bible study may be one of your most important habits. If you have no consistent rhythm in your Bible study you will have no consistent rhythm in your spiritual growth.\

If the Bel can get into a serious rhythm of Bible study filled by GOD the HS, within a few months they will begin to really gain ground in their spiritual walk.

/The consistency of your Bible study should be accompanied by the filling power of God the HS. If your rhythm of Bible study is done in the proper fashion your hunger for accuracy in the word will grow. Emotional or fluffy, surface teaching will leave you empty at some point and you will seek out a prepared pastor-teacher.\