**Sunday School Handout 1 Thessalonians 2:1-3:9 July 18, 2021**

[**1 Thessalonians**](#Thessalonians1)**Chapter 2** 2:1-3:9 ***Sanctification of Ministry*** *for Paul, Silvanus, and Timotheus (we, us, our)*

2:1-2 ***Sanctification of Ministry*** *- Persecution at Philippi & Thessalonica due to the Gospel of God*

(3) 1 For yourselves, brethren, know our entrance in unto you, that it was not in vain: 2 But even after that we had **suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi,** we were **bold in our God to speak** unto you the **gospel of God** /sanctification-return/with **much contention**.

2:3-6 ***Sanctification of Ministry*** *- Seven Ministry Sins*

3 For our exhortation was **not of deceit**, **nor of uncleanness**, **nor in guile**: 4 But as we were **allowed of God** to be **put in** **trust** with the gospel /salvation/, even so we speak; **not as pleasing men, but God,** which **tries our hearts.** 5 For **neither at any time used we** **flattering words**, as ye know, **nor a cloke of covetousness**; **God is witness:**  6 **Nor of men** **sought we glory**, neither of **you**, nor [yet] of **others**, when we **might have been burdensome,** as the apostles of Christ.

Note: **Gospel** 4x (salvation) – 1:15, 2:4, 2 Thes 1:8, 2:13, 76x. **Gospel of God** 3x (sanctification and return) – 2:2, 8-9; 7x Ro 1:1, 15:16, 2 Cor 11:7, 1 Pe 4:17. **Gospel of Christ** 1x (sanctification of the ascended Christ) – 3:2; 11x here and now, Mark 1:1, Ro 15:29, 2 Cor 4:4, Phil 1:27 – also gospel of the kingdom in Matthew 3x & Mark 1:1.

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2:7-13 ***Sanctification of Ministry*** *– Spiritual Mother and Father who Travail and Labor (Galatians 4:19)*

(4) 7 But we were **gentle among you, even as a nurse cherishes her children**: 8 So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also **our own souls** /as Moses and Paul**/**, because ye were **dear unto us**. 9 For ye **remember**, brethren, our **labor and travail**: for **laboring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you**, we preached to you the gospel of God. 10 **Ye are witnesses**, and God [also], how **holily** /1x/ **and justly and unblameably** /5:23 2x in NT/ **we behaved ourselves among you that believe:** 11 As ye know how we **exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father [does] his children**, 12 That ye **would walk worthy of God**, who has \* **called** /6x – 1 Thes 4:7, 5:24. 2 Thes 1:11, 2:4, 2:14. Ro 8:29-30 foreknow > predestinate > called > justified > glorified/ **you unto \*His kingdom and glory** /Heb 12:1-4/.

13 For this cause also **thank we God** without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received [it] not [as] the word of men, **but as it is in truth**, the word of God, which effectually works **also in you that believe.** /Did not need to search the Scripture as the Bereans – Acts 17:11. doctrine, reproof, correction, instruction in righteousness 2 Tim 3:16-17/

2:14-16 ***Sanctification of Ministry*** *– Persecution of Brethren (14-15a) and Wrath on Persecutors (15b-16)*

(5) 14 For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which **in Judaea** are **in Christ Jesus**: for ye also have **suffered** like things of your own countrymen /S. Maryland, lewd fellows of the baser sort Acts 17:5/, even as they [have] of the Jews: 15 Who both killed the **Lord Jesus**, and their own prophets, and have **persecuted** us; and they **please not God**, and are **contrary to all men**: 16 **Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved**, to **fill up their sins alway** /in all ways/: for the \* **wrath is come upon them to the outermost.**

2:17-20 ***Sanctification of Ministry*** *– Reunion in Heaven (Acts 17:1-9)*

(6) 17 But we, brethren, being taken from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavored the more abundantly to see your face with great desire. 18 Wherefore we would have come to you, even I Paul, **once and again; but Satan hindered us** /deceiver with insidiousness and stratagem. Not self-old man Ro 7, not this world 1 John, not others/. 19 For what is **our hope, or joy, or** **crown of rejoicing**? [Are] not even \* **ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?** /in the clouds 1 Thes 4:17, 1 Cor 15/ 20 For **ye are our glory and joy**.

[**1 Thessalonians**](#Thessalonians1)**Chapter 3**

3:1-5 ***Sanctification of Ministry*** *- Paul Sends Timotheus to Thessalonica in their Afflictions*

(7) 1 Wherefore when we could no longer forbear, we thought it good to be **left at Athens alone**; 2 And **sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellow laborer** in the **gospel of Christ**, to **establish you, and to comfort you** **concerning your faith**: 3 That no man should be moved by these **afflictions** /a state of pain, distress, or grief/: for yourselves know that we are appointed /Acts 9:16, 14:22/ thereunto. 4 For verily, when we were with you, **we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know.**  5 For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your **faith**, **lest by some means** the **tempter have tempted you, and our labor be in vain** /not tribulation which God allows to sanctify us, yet trials may lead us into temptations to sin/**.**

3:6-9 ***Sanctification of Ministry*** *- Timotheus Returns with Good News*

(8) 6 But now when Timotheus came from you to us, and brought us **good tidings of your faith and charity**, and that ye have **good remembrance of us always**, desiring greatly to **see** us, as we also [to see] you: 7 Therefore, brethren, we were comforted over you **in all our affliction** **and distress** by your faith: 8 For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord. 9 For what **thanks can we render to God again for you**, **for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God;**

**Next Sunday:** [**1 Thessalonians**](#Thessalonians1) **Chapter 3** 3:10-4:12 ***Sanctification*** *of Brethren at Thessalonica*

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