

1 Thessalonians 2:1-20

(Master Outline:)

I. Salutation 1:1

- II. Personal: Relationship to the Thessalonica Believers 1:-3:13
 - A. Thanksgiving for them 1:2-10
 - B. Relationship while with them 2:1-16
 - C. Relationship since leaving Thessalonica 2:17-3:13

I. Paul's _____ to present the Gospel Vs 1-2

- A. Paul focused on the possibilities not the _____ Vs 1
 - 1. Entrance in unto you-coming to your city to present you with the Gospel
 - 2. Not in Vain-not empty _____ producing no results
- B. In spite of previous and present _____ to the Gospel Vs 2
 - 1. Previous- Vs 2a Cf. Acts 16:22-24
 - 2. Present-Vs 2b Cf. Acts 17:1-10

II. Paul's Presentation of the Gospel Vs 3-12

- A. Paul presented the Gospel _____ Vs 3
 - 1. Deceit-fraudulently; dishonestly
 - 2. Uncleaness- impure _____
 - 3. Guile-trickery; with deceptive motives
- B. Paul presented a _____ Gospel Vs 4
 - 1. The one given to him by _____ Himself Vs 4a "allowed of God"
 - 2. The one given to _____ God not men Vs 4b "not pleasing men, but God"
 - 3. The one God uses to _____ the hearts of people Vs 4c "God tries our hearts"
- C. Paul presented the Gospel with clear _____ Vs 5
 - 1. Flattering words-complimentary words but not sincerely _____
 - 2. Cloak of Covetousness-hidden motives or _____; hidden selfish desires
 - 3. God is witness-God knows the real _____ behind the actions of people
- D. Paul presented the Gospel _____ Vs 6-8
 - 1. Paul was not looking for _____ or appreciation from people Vs 6
 - 2. Paul considered the feelings and needs of the _____ Vs 7
 - 3. Paul was moved by his compassion for the hears Vs 8
- E. Paul presented the Gospel from pure _____ and actions Vs 9-10
 - 1. He did not expect the Thessalonica believers to provide for him Vs 9
 - 2. His testimony among the Thessalonica believers was _____ Vs 10
- F. Paul presented the Gospel so as to produce lasting _____ results Vs 11
 - 1. Exhorted-motivated to _____
 - 2. Comforted-_____ in the action
 - 3. Charged-_____ on to action
 - 4. As a father-exhortation, comfort, and motivation of his spiritual _____
- G. Paul desired certain _____ from the Gospel and its recipients Vs 12
 - 1. Walk worthy-an _____ testimony to
 - 2. God, Who called you-the _____ of the honor and glory

III. Paul's rejoicing in the _____ he has heard about Vs 13-16

- A. Rejoicing at the way the Gospel was _____ Vs 13
 - 1. As the Word of God, and not just words from a man's mouth
 - 2. This received Word of God had _____ the lives of those who believed
- B. Rejoiced at the transformation that took place Vs 14-16
 - 1. Followed the example of the _____ believers Vs 14

2. Remained faithful even during _____ times Vs 15-16
- IV. Paul's desire to revisit Thessalonica and the believers there Vs 17-20
- A. Paul had attempted to revisit them in the past but was not able to do so Vs 17-18
 1. Taken from you-were made _____ by being taken away from you Vs 17
 2. Paul had to deal with _____ Vs 18
 - a. Act 16:6-8 _____ setback
 - b. Romans 1:13 (NKJV) Now I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that I often planned to come to you (but was hindered until now), that I might have some fruit among you also, just as among the other Gentiles. (_____ setbacks)
 - c. In verse 18 we see Paul expressing that he had to deal with Satanic setbacks
 1. Satan-the enemy of God and all that belongs to God, namely the _____
 2. Hindered us-to throw _____ in the path of
 - d. Even when Paul had the best interest of the believers at heart, he was hindered from going to them and ministering to them
 - B. Paul's expression of appreciation for what he sees and hears _____ is doing in the lives of the Believers at Thessalonica Vs 19-20
 1. The work that God was doing in the lives of the believers at Thessalonica brought joy to the heart of Paul
 - a. Hope- positive _____ expectation
 - b. Joy-calm _____
 - c. Crown of rejoicing-cause for _____
 2. The thought of the Thessalonian believers being a part of the _____ of Christ brought joy and cause for celebration to the heart of Paul