

Gospel



THE GOSPEL AND BROTHERLY LOVE

Lesson 15

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1 Thessalonians 2:1-3:3

**The more I experience the
gospel, the more there is
a yearning affection
within me for fellow
believers who share the
same gospel.**

“For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to

**declare to you the gospel of
God in the midst of much
conflict. For our appeal does
not spring from error or
impurity or any attempt to
deceive, but just as we have
been approved by God to be
entrusted with the gospel, so**

**we speak, not to please man,
but to please God who tests
our hearts. For we never
came with words of flattery,
as you know, nor with a
pretext for greed—God is
witness. Nor did we seek
glory from people,**

whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. So, *being affectionately desirous*

of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might

not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. For you know how, like a father

**with his children, we
exhorted each one of you
and encouraged you and
charged you to walk in a
manner worthy of God, who
calls you into his own
kingdom and glory. 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. 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, who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and

**drove us out, and displease
God and oppose all mankind
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!**

**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, because we wanted to
come to you—I,**

**Paul, again and again—but
Satan hindered us. For what
is our hope or joy or crown
of boasting before our Lord
Jesus at his coming? Is it
not you? For you are our
glory and joy. Therefore,
when we could**

bear it no longer, we were willing to be left behind at Athens alone, and we sent Timothy, our brother and God's coworker in the gospel of Christ, to establish and exhort you in your faith.”

~ 1 Thessalonians 2:1-3:3

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~ Milton Vincent

**I. The Gospel Of Jesus
Christ Is The Source
Of Brotherly Love.**

**“We give thanks to God
always for all of you,
constantly mentioning you in
our prayers, remembering
before God and Father your
work of faith and labor of
love and steadfastness of
hope in our Lord Jesus**

**Christ. For we know,
brothers loved by God, that
he has chosen you, *because
our gospel came to you not
only in word, but also in
power and in the Holy Spirit
and with full conviction.*”**

~ 1 Thessalonians 1:2-5

“The gospel is that Christ suffered the full wrath of God for my sin. Jesus Christ traded places with me, living the perfect life I should have lived, and dying the death I had been condemned to die.

Second Corinthians 5:21

**says that he actually *became*
my sin so I could literally
become His righteousness.
Saint Athanasius called this
“the great exchange.” He
took my record, died for it,
and offers me His perfect
record in return.**

**He took my shameful
nakedness to clothe me with
His righteousness. When I
receive that grace in
repentance and faith, full
acceptance becomes mine.
He lived in my place, and
died in my place, and then**

offered to me a gift. That means that God could not love me any more than He does right now, because God could not love and accept Christ any more than He does, and God sees me in Christ. God's righteousness

**has been given to me as a
gift. He now sees me
according to how Christ has
lived, not on the basis of the
kind of week I had.”**

**~ JD Grear
Gospel, pgs. 46-47**

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- May the Lord direct our way to you. (vs. 11)

3. Do We Have This Kind Of Love For One Another?



“Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, for that is indeed what you are doing to all the brothers throughout Macedonia. *But we urge you, brothers, to do this more and more...*”

~ 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10

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“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together...Let brotherly love continue.”

~ Hebrews 10:24, 13:1

