

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

1 Thessalonians 2:13

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read 1 Thessalonians 2:13 five times

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined>. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

13 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 men,
but for what it really is,
 the word of God,
 which also performs its work in you who believe.

1. Is the statement “for this reason” looking backwards to the context preceding it, or forward to what is coming in the verse(s) ahead? What evidence do you have to support your case?
2. What is the reason mentioned in the first part of the verse referring to? In other words, what is “this reason?”
3. Who is the “we”, that stands as the subject of verse 13?

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4. What is the response these men have toward “this reason?”

5. It says they “*also* constantly thank God.” What else did they do? What is the also referring to?

6. How often are they thanking God?

7. For what are they thanking God? Be specific.

❖ Day 2

Read 1 Thessalonians 2:13

8. How does the thanksgiving expressed in 2:13 relate to the thanksgiving of 1:2?

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9. How is this thankfulness (and really all thankfulness) an act of humility?

10. What would it mean to accept the word as the word of men?

11. What does it mean to accept the word as the word of God?

12. What does accepting the word these men brought as the word of God reveal about preaching?

❖ Day 3

Read 1 Thessalonians 2:13

13. How is this word really the word of God and not the word of men if it was spoken by men?

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14. Why would acceptance of this word in this manner lead to thankfulness on behalf of these men?

15. Are there any evidences that build a case for this really being the word of God? If so, what are they?

16. What does the work of the word do in the lives of those who receive it?

17. Who are those who receive the work of the word?

18. Summarize the main idea of this verse in one sentence.