

LESSON 3

LONGING TO SEE YOU

Read 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20

1. Are there people in your life that you pray for continually, thanking God for them? Who do you pray for regularly? Who is praying for you?
2. How is the word of God at work in your heart? How is God's Word different from other things you read or hear?
3. Paul speaks of suffering at the hand of his own people in **verse 14**. Have you ever been hurt by the words or actions of a family member or a close friend? How did you respond? Looking back, did you respond in a godly way?

7. What did you discover about God in this lesson?

Challenge Questions

8. See if you can find the five crowns mentioned in the New Testament. Paul says the Thessalonians are his hope, joy and crown of boasting. What is your glory and joy?

9. Who were the Jews that Paul mentions in verse 14 (since Jesus, the Apostles, and all of the early believers including Paul were Jews)? (You may need a Bible commentary to help you.)

Memory Verse - 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20 ESV

“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.”

The power of **God's word** "at work in us:"

God's word **Saves us**: "Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." Romans 10:17

God's word **Guides us**: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105

God's word **Counsels us**: "Your testimonies are my delight; they are my counselors." Psalm 119:24

God's word **Revives us**: "The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple." Psalm 19:7

God's word **Strengthens us**: "My soul melts away for sorrow; strengthen me according to Your word." Psalm 119:28

God's word **Judges us**: "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart." Hebrews 4:12

God's word **Sanctifies us**: "Sanctify them in the truth. Your word is truth." John 17:17

God's word **Frees us from our enslavement to sin**: "Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in Him, 'If you abide in My word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'" John 8:31-32

God's word **Helps us not continue to sin**: "I have stored up Your word in my heart, that I might not sin against You." Psalm 119:11

God's word **gives us Joy**: "The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes." Psalm 19:8