

After listening to the posted recording of class #5 concerning our study of First Thessalonians, use the following questions to further your study and find application within our own lives. Read the Scriptures first, then consider the questions that follow.

First Thessalonians Class #5

#1. Read 1 Thessalonians 2:13

- A. What caused the word of God to perform its work within the Saints at Thessalonica?
- B. How can we see the distinction between the word of men & the word of God?
- C. When you believe the word of God to let it command your life, what is the outcome?
- D. How encouraged are we to find direction from God's Word in the midst of difficulty?
- E. What Old Testament Scriptures (1-2) about Jesus, encourage your faith now?
- F. What New Testament Scriptures (1-2) encourage you greatly about God's promises?

#2. Read 1 Thessalonians 2:14-16

- A. Have you ever endured suffering at the hands of your own fellow citizens?
- B. Had Saul persecuted those of the Way (the church)? [Acts 8:1-3; 9:1-2]
- C. Who stopped Saul from persecuting the saints? [Acts 9:3-6]
- D. Who stands in control of persecution? Does God know what we need?
- E. What was Jerusalem's history with the prophets of God? [Luke 13:31-35]
- F. Did God send wrath upon those who hindered the Gospel? Can we hinder others too?
- G. Did God keep His promise in Romans 1:18-19 to those who hindered His message?
- H. What was one aspect of God's wrath on those in Judea? [Acts 11:28]
- I. Does God provide for His people through difficulties? [Acts 11:27-30]
- J. Did the saints in Antioch believe the word of God to let it affect their actions?

#3. Read 1 Thessalonians 2:17-20

- A. Are there brothers or sisters in Christ that you have not seen face to face in a while, but you think of fondly from time to time?
- B. Do you ever make plans to try and encourage them, but get hindered?
- C. Have you ever been hindered from doing what you had planned?
- D. Have you found a greater opportunity to help other saints, while being hindered?
- E. Did God still accomplish His purpose for Paul to reach more souls with the Gospel?
- F. Can anyone change God's Plans or Purpose? [Job 42:2; Isaiah 8:10]
- G. How encouraging is it to see new Christians grow in faith as the word works in them?
- H. Can God use our lives (while imitating His Son) wherever we are?
- I. When we walk in a manner worthy of God, what is He calling us into? [1 Thess. 2:12]
- J. What are some lessons you have learned from the first two chapters of First Thessalonians that have encouraged your faith in the Lord?