

1 Thessalonians

Chapter 2

Verse 14

1. The Thessalonians had experienced some rough waters since they trusted Christ as their Savior. 1:6, 3:3-4
2. They had endured some _____ from their own countrymen.
3. Satan hates baby Christians and actively seeks to _____ them right after salvation. What the Thessalonians experienced is not at all unusual.
4. This is why every new believer needs a spiritual _____ who has been there and can reassure him/her when problems come.

Verse 15-16

1. These two verses give us a vivid description of the nation of Israel during the book of Acts. It can be summed up with the words, "...*they please not God.*"
2. Not only did **they** want nothing to do with the good news of Christ, but they didn't want the **Gentiles** to have an opportunity to _____ and receive it either.
Acts 13:16-52, 14:1-19, 17:1-14
3. The phrase "*come upon*" denotes anticipation. Paul was anticipating the full _____ of God to be unleashed upon Israel. The wrath of God has been temporarily withheld from this earth, but when this dispensation of _____ is over, the wrath will commence.

Verse 17-18

1. Paul wanted so much to see these dear friends again. In fact, Paul had started to return to Thessalonica many times, but it never worked out.
2. Why couldn't Paul get there? Verse 18 states, "...*but _____ hindered us.*"
3. Satan is a real, living, spirit being that is actively seeking to _____ the cause of Christ on this earth.
 - "*Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*" **Ephesians 6:11**

4. While we should recognize the reality of Satan, we need not _____ him.
 - *“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” 2 Timothy 1:7*
5. We can stand against the wiles of Satan and we can quench the fiery darts of the wicked, but it will only happen as we walk by _____ in God’s Word and _____ diligently. 3:10; Ephesians 6:16-18

Verse 19-20

1. Like chapter one, this chapter ends with a reference to Christ’s coming. In fact, _____ chapter in this book ends with a reference to Christ’s coming.
2. As Paul anticipated and looked forward to the coming of Jesus, Paul states that these people would be his _____ and crown of rejoicing in heaven.
3. Here is the clear teaching: at the coming of Jesus, our joy will be the _____ that we have led to Christ and impacted for Christ.
4. Christian, make sure that you are investing your time, talents, and abilities in things that really matter eternally. What really matters eternally? _____!

Rapture of the church

Christ's return to earth

Rejection
of Christ



Rejection of
Spirit-filled
apostles
(Acts 2-7)

Dispensation
of the
Grace of God

God's counter-
declaration
of war

Kingdom
on earth
established

*MANKIND'S DECLARATION
OF WAR ON GOD*

*AN OFFER OF
PEACE EXTENDED
TO EVERY PERSON*

*TRIBULATION -
7 YEARS
OF WRATH*

1000 YEARS