

# 1 Thessalonians

## Chapter 2

### Verse 13

1. God did some amazing things in the lives of these former pagans. They grew spiritually at an extremely rapid pace and were spreading their faith to others in a relatively short period of time.
2. This verse reveals the key as to how this happened. It had to do with the Thessalonians' \_\_\_\_\_ toward God's Word.
3. The Thessalonians took God's truth (the Old Testament Scriptures and new revelation given to Paul) and simply believed it by \_\_\_\_\_ to be God's Word.
4. What was the result? It was effectually (actively, efficiently) working in their inner beings to produce spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ and maturity.
5. True \_\_\_\_\_ only comes as we take God's Word into our inner man and believe it by faith. 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 5:13-14
  - *"As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby."* **1 Peter 2:2**

### 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.