

“When A Pastor Gets It Right, Part 2”

Sunday, May 2, 2021, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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1 Thessalonians 2:13-16

BIG IDEA: A good pastor anticipates the effect of God’s Word.

*“...you welcomed [the Word of God] not as a human message,
but as it truly is, the Word of God,
which also works effectively in you who believe.”*

1 Thessalonians 2:13



The Word & The Believer. (v13, 14a)

- The Believer Accepts the Word of God.
- The Believer Acknowledges the Word of God.
- The Believer Applies the Word of God.



The Word & The Unbeliever. (v14b-16)

- The Unbeliever Resists the Word of God.
- The Unbeliever Hinders the Word of God.
- The Unbeliever is Condemned by the Word of God.

BIG IDEA: A good pastor anticipates the effect of God’s Word.

READ: 1 Thessalonians 2:13-16

THINK: *Reflect on the significance of the Word of God in this passage, then ask yourself these questions: Why does Paul express additional thanks for the Thessalonians right here? What does it mean to “receive” the Word of God? What does it mean to “welcome” the Word of God? In addition to bringing saving faith to the Thessalonians, how else is it working effectively in those believers? What difficulties are the Thessalonians facing? How would Paul’s example of perseverance in the face of persecution encourage them? Why does Paul speak so harshly about those who oppose and hinder the Word of God? How does Paul know that the wrath of God has come against his opponents?*

DO: Do a self-check in regard to your response to the Word of God: Describe your level of affection for God’s Word, your acceptance for God’s Word, & your application of God’s Word. What opposition to your faith are you facing? What encourages you to persevere?