y Living

you have been raised with our hearts on things above. seated at the right hand of minds on things above, not gs. For you died, and your dden with Christ in God. who is your life, appears, vill appear with him in glory. h, therefore, whatever bearthly nature: sexual immo-, lust, evil desires and greed, try. Because of these, the is coming./ 'You used to ways, in the life you once w you must rid yourselves of as these: anger, rage, malice, Ithy language from your lips. each other, since you have r old self with its practices it on the new self, which is in knowledge in the image of Here there is no Greek or ised or uncircumcised, bar-

415 Or them in him disobedient

an inheritance from the 1 das a reward.

It is the Lord Christ yr tre serving. ²⁵Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for his wrong, and there is no favoritism.

4 Masters, pride your slaves with what is right as fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven.

Further Astructions

Deva's yourselves to prayer, being hand. Remember my chains Grace watche and thankful. And pray for us, you,

16 After this letter en read to you, see that it is also read in church of the Laodiceans and that you can read the letter from Laodicea.

"Tell Archippus: "See to it wu complete the work you have recent in the Lord.

181, Paul, write this greeting in

1 Thessalonians

P. I. Silas and Timothy. To be church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Grace and peace to you.

#J Greek Silvanas, a variant of Silva early manuscrit you from God our Father and the I you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

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For you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, just as they did from the Judeans, 15 who killed both the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they do not please God and are contrary to all men, 16 forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved, so as always to fill up the measure of their sins; but wrath has come upon them to the uttermost.

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- ◆ LIVING, POWERFUL, ABLE TO DISCERN ... 2 Tim 3:16,17
 - ◆ The POWER of God to save —
 Rom 1:16,17; James 1:21
 - ♦ The word of God is no dead letter -He 4:12; John 6:63; Luke 8:11
 - ★ The source of SAVING faith Rom. 10:17; 1 Cor. 1:18-24; Eph 1:12,13; Col. 1:4-6; Act 2:37; etc.
 - ◆ Can regenerate James 1:18; 1 Pet 1:22,23; John 6:63; Heb. 4:12

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- ◆ LIVING, POWERFUL, ABLE TO DISCERN ...
 - ◆ Sanctifies John 17:17; Psalm 19:7-11; 119:9-11
 - ★ Key To Spiritual Growth 1 Pet 2:2; Heb. 5:12; Eph 4:15; 2 Tim 3:17
 - ◆ Provides the spiritual weapons & strength necessary to overcome Satan Mat. 4:1-11; Eph 6:10-18; 1 Jn 2:14
 - Needed to protect against false teachers — Acts 20:28-32

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- ◆ Must Be RECEIVED 13; Mat.
 13:18-23; Luke 8:11ff
- ♦ Must Be Received With Faith 13; Her. 4:2; Rom 1:16
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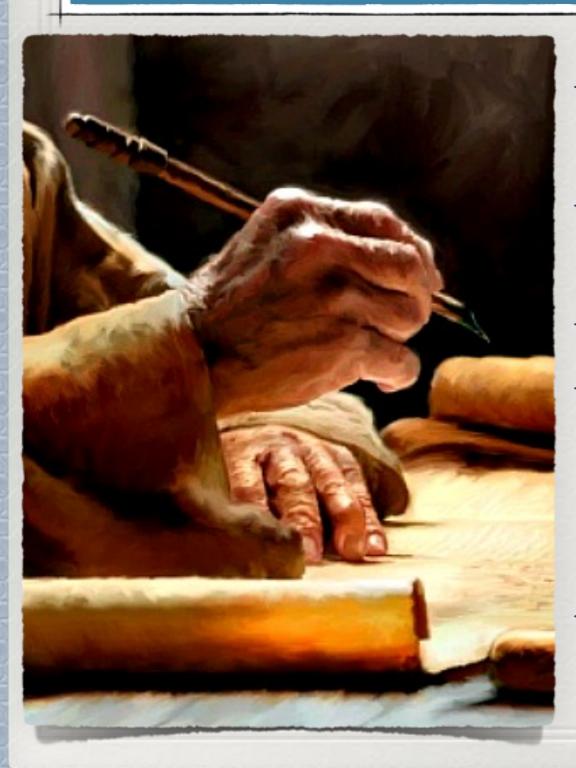
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- ♦ Must Be Doers John 7:17; James 1:22-25; 2:14-26; Heb. 3:14-19; 11:1-30
- ♦ Must Hunger For It Mat. 5:6;
 Psalm 1:1-3; 119:97-104
- ♦ Must Abide In Us Psalm 119:11; John 15:7; 1 John 2:14; 3:9;

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- ◆ Main thought those who hold to the truth will suffer persecution
 - 2 Thes. 1:4; 2 Tim. 3:12
 - ◆ Gentile persecution Acts 16:16ff
 - ◆ From the Jews who likewise crucified Jesus & other prophets 15; Acts 2:36; Mat 23:31-36
 - ♦ Who also persecuted Paul and his companions 15; Acts 17:1-3
 - ◆ Also refers to the Judaizing teachers who professed faith in Christ 16; Acts 17:5, 10

Have We Received The Word Of God?



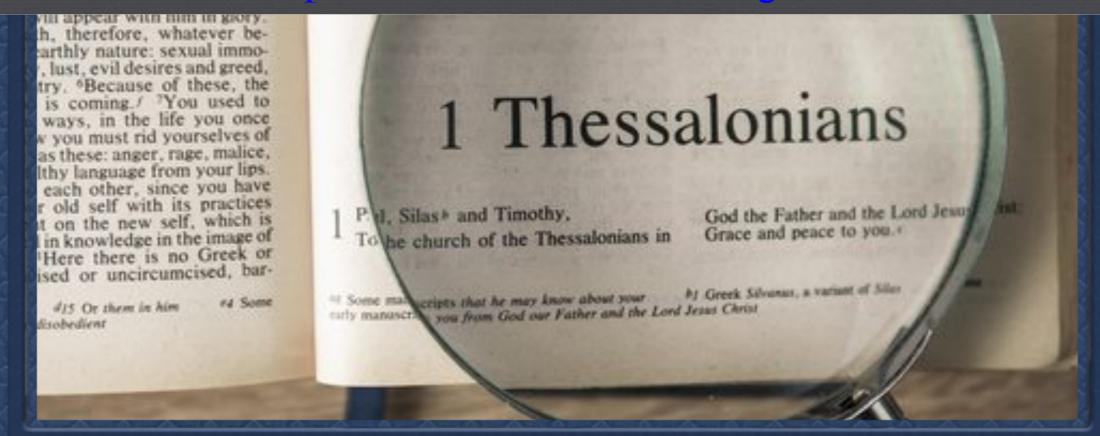
- ◆ Do we listen to God's word AS GOD"S WORD? — 2 Tim 3:16,17
- ◆ Do we listen to God's word with eagerness and a desire to obey?
- ✦ Have we obeyed it by faith?
- ♦ Are we diligently seeking God's will for us in His word that we may please Him? 2 Tim 2:15; Acts 17:11,12
- ♦ Are we growing spiritually as we should? Rom 10:17; 2 Pet 2:2

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ACTS 17:1-9 (NKJV)

¹ Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. 2 Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, ³ explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ." 4 And some of them were persuaded; and a great multitude of the devout Greeks, and not a few of the leading women, joined Paul and Silas.

ACTS 17:1-9 (NKJV)

5 But the Jews who were not persuaded, becoming envious, took some of the evil men from the marketplace, and gathering a mob, set all the city in an uproar and attacked the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people. ⁶ But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, "These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.

ACTS 17:1-9 (NKJV)

7 Jason has harbored them, and these are all acting contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another king —Jesus." 8 And they troubled the crowd and the rulers of the city when they heard these things. 9 So when they had taken security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.