

1 Thessalonians 2

King James Version (KJV)

2 For yourselves, brethren, know our entrance in unto you, that it was not in vain: (We came with the Word of God and taught it truthfully and completely. You accepted us and God's Word with zeal. You did a great job in learning it and adding to your church membership)

²But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention. Acts-16:22 (Paul had a hard life at the hands of the Kenites and the Pharisees who worked to destroy Christianity)

³For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile: (We taught only the truth; not traditions or doctrines of men)

⁴But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts. (Paul taught God's Word truthfully and completely. The truth is absolute. It's not open to interpretation or inclusion by peoples' opinions. Right is right and wrong is wrong)

(Teach the Bible to please God, not men. Judgment begins at the pulpit. Those who teach falsely will be judged harshly because they cause people to err and possibly lose their salvation)

⁵For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness: (God is their witness that they taught honestly and truthfully)

NOTE: (Over the centuries, pretty much every denomination of Christianity has "modernized" God's Word in order to add membership. That is why their doctrines no longer align with the teachings of God. As a teacher, don't fall into that trap. Teach the truth. If people accept it – that's great. If they don't – it's on them, not the teacher)

⁶Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ. (They glorified God, not themselves. They didn't collect tithes for themselves.

They had daytime jobs to support themselves. Paul sent whatever tithes he collected to the apostles in Jerusalem. He supported himself as a tentmaker)

⁷But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children: (They taught with love and compassion)

⁸So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us. (We became fellow servants with you in Christianity. Christianity is a family of people who live by God's Word. We support each other as a family; and encourage others to join us, if they so choose)

⁹For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God. (Paul stuck to teaching them God's Word. He didn't collect money from these churches for himself. He was a tent maker. That's how he supported himself)

NOTES: (God said – you will know them by their deeds. How many preachers today teach to get rich, and to get praise from men? Most of them do)

(Instead for teaching God's Word, chapter by chapter, verse by verse; they preach sermons that they have written from their own imagination – and the people learn nothing) see Jeremiah-23:16

¹⁰Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe: (They behaved honorably, as good examples to others)

¹¹As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children, (They corrected them when it was necessary; to ensure that the Word of God was passed on to others, unchanged)

¹²That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory. (To ensure that God would bless their work)

¹³For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

(Living by God's teachings makes our lives joyful and complete. It keeps things in perspective. Without that, we can easily get tangled up in the evil and corrupt ways of this world)

¹⁴For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the Jews: (Paul is referring to Kenites and the Pharisees, living in Judea. They were in control of the established religion <Judaism>. That's why Paul started new churches – that only teach Christianity)

(Some of these Jews had Christ murdered on the cross because they thought He was starting a cult. Others <Kenites> were working for Satan in order to destroy Christianity because they knew it was from God) See Revelation-2:9, Revelation-3:9

¹⁵Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men: (Jesus identifies and exposes the Kenites; the descendants of Cain; the son of Satan and Eve) See John-8:44

See Revelation-2 & 3 (Where Jesus was pleased with the church of Philadelphia and Smyrna; because they taught who the Kenites are)

NOTE: (The Kenites are still around today. They continue to work to destroy Christianity. They use "inclusion" to bring perversion into society. They use any modern theory that they can get their hands on in order to oppose what the Bible teaches)

¹⁶Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost. (After the crucifixion, salvation was open to all peoples, not just to those of Israel. The legalists tried to prevent Paul from teaching God's Word to the Gentiles. They will be judged for that. This will be the cup of God's wrath that Jesus spoke of)

¹⁷ But we, brethren, being taken from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavoured the more abundantly to see your face with great desire. (Paul didn't let them deter him. He started many churches in the lands of the Gentiles)

¹⁸ Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us. (The enemy is always watching for a weakness. He will mess you up whenever he can. Jesus gave us power over all of them, in Jesus' name. It is up to us to use that power against the enemy in order to help us succeed)

¹⁹ For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? (Paul was preparing the people for Jesus' return. He did that by teaching them the true Word of God. That will be our only defense against antichrist)

²⁰ For ye are our glory and joy. (These converted people were Paul's joy; and they will be his reward)