

The Life-Changing Word of God
1 Thessalonians 2:13-20

¹³ And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe. ¹⁴ For you, brothers, became imitators of God's churches in Judea, which are in Christ Jesus: You suffered from your own countrymen the same things those churches suffered from the Jews, ¹⁵ who killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets and also drove us out. They displease God and are hostile to all men ¹⁶ in their effort to keep us from speaking to the Gentiles so that they may be saved. In this way they always heap up their sins to the limit. The wrath of God has come upon them at last. ¹⁷ But, brothers, when we were torn away from you for a short time (in person, not in thought), out of our intense longing we made every effort to see you. ¹⁸ For we wanted to come to you—certainly I, Paul, did, again and again—but Satan stopped us. ¹⁹ For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you? ²⁰ Indeed, you are our glory and joy.

Paul was thankful for three things:

1. The Word of God in us.

- They received the Word.
- The power of the Word.

1 Peter 1:23 -

Luke 11: 28 –

2 Timothy 3:16 –

Psalm 119:105 –

Psalm 119:24 –

Psalm 119:54 –

John 15:3 –

John 17:17 –

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2. The people of God around us.

3. The glory of God before us.