

PAUL TO A "T"  
**1 THESSALONIANS 2:13-20**

**Pray** and ask God to help you to know Him better as you study His Word.

**Read** the Bible passage (preferably without using commentaries).

**Begin** to answer the questions using your own words.

*Questions are based on New International Version (NIV) 1984 edition.*

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**Lesson 3 • 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20 • October 5, 2011**

1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12 was helpful to you?

**SECTION I: Read 1 Thessalonians 2:13**

2. Describe what the Thessalonians did in **V13**.
3. To receive and believe God's Word, what hurdles do you think the Thessalonians overcame?
4. Who did the authors thank? How? And why?
5. For whom or what do you continually thank God?
6. What do you think it means that the Word of God is "at work in you who believe"?
7. How are you hoping the Word of God will work in you this year through your study of **PAUL TO A "T"**?

**SECTION II: Read 1 Thessalonians 2:14-16**

8. What obstacles do you think the Thessalonians overcame in **V14-15**?
  
9. a) In **V14**, what did Paul observe about the Thessalonians?  
  
b) What do you think resulted from this?
  
10. How are the persecuting "countrymen" described in **V14-16**?
  
11. In our day and age, words and phrases like "saved," "heap up their sins to the limit," and "wrath of God" are not readily embraced. What does each of these mean to you personally?

**SECTION III: Read 1 Thessalonians 2:17-20**

12. Describe the feelings Paul verbalized in **V17**.
  
13. Which relationship(s) could you strengthen by verbalizing heartfelt words in a similar manner?
  
14. a) What are some possible reasons Satan stopped Paul from coming to see the Thessalonians? (See 1 Thessalonians 3:10 for additional insight.)

14. b) How do you think this obstacle was overcome?

15. a) How do the authors describe the Thessalonians in **V19-20**?

b) Why do you think they were described that way?

c) Share about a relationship in your own life where you've experienced that kind of hope, joy, and glory?

16. Write a prayer drawn from this week's passage.

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### DIGGING DEEPER

1. In **V13**, Paul expressed the power of the Word of God at work in the Thessalonians. What else do you learn about the Word of God in the following verses?

Proverbs 4:20-22 \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 10:17 \_\_\_\_\_

2 Timothy 3:15-17 \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrews 4:12 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Peter 1:23 \_\_\_\_\_

2 Peter 1:20-21 \_\_\_\_\_

2. From the verses above (or others you know), combined with your own personal experience, why is it important to know the Word of God?

