



Digital Bulletin

1 Thessalonians 2:12-20 | Sacred Scripture/Promised Return | 10.26.25

Big Idea: It's vital to embrace the idea that GOD's Word is much more than divine information; it has life-transforming and life-enhancing power that affects how we perceive and respond to life.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 *For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.*

My responsibility to Scripture (How am I doing?)

- | | |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Read it | Matthew 4:4 |
| 2. Study it | 2 Timothy 2:15 |
| 3. Delight in it | Psalms 119:16,35 Psalm 19:7-11 |
| 4. Meditate on it | Psalms 119:15 |
| 5. Memorize it | Psalms 119:11 |
| 6. Apply it | James 1:22 |
| 7. Share it | Matthew 28:18-20 |

"God uses the Word to enable us to see the sin and unbelief in our own hearts. The Word exposes our hearts; and then, if we trust God, the Word enables our hearts to obey God and claim His promises. This is why each believer should be diligent to apply himself to hear and heed God's Word. In the Word we see God, and we also see how God sees us. We see ourselves as we really are. This experience enables us to be honest with God, to trust His will, and to obey Him." Re: **Hebrews 4:12-13**

--Warren Wiersbe

"Why have we such uncertainty in Christian persuasion and such inconsistency in Christian life? Because we have lost the Bible. We do not read it; we glance at it; we read a verse or a paragraph now and then, but we do not eat it – devour it – consume it. We have Bibles; we ourselves should be Bibles." --Joseph Parker

"If the congregation truly meditated upon God's Word throughout the week in sincerity to find God then on Sunday a word would be a sermon, a sermon would be a library. One hint of God would send our minds to heavenly imaginations. **Nothing makes the pulpit effective like prepared pews!**" -- Joseph Parker

As we delight ourselves in the Word of God, many marvelous benefits occur...

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| 1. God's truths are revealed | Psalms 119:18, John 16:13, 17:17, 18:37 |
| 2. Satan's lies are exposed | 2 Corinthians 2:11, 4:4, 11:14, John 8:43-44, Ephesians 6:11 |
| 3. Our hearts are searched | Hebrews 4:12, Psalms 139:23-24, James 1:22-25 |
| 4. Christ's grace is increased | 1 Corinthians 1:4-5, 2 Corinthians 9:8, 2 Peter 3:18 |

1 Thessalonians 2:14-16 For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus. 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.

A risen Christ means all that He taught was true! (keyword "all")

Matthew 28:18-20 All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe **all** things that I have **commanded** you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

Romans 2:2-5 But we know that the judgment of God is according to **truth** against those who practice such things. ³ And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God? ⁴ Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the **goodness** of God leads you to repentance? ⁵ But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are **treasuring** up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of GOD.

1 Thessalonians 2:17-18 But we, brethren, having been taken away from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavored more eagerly to see your face with great desire. ¹⁸ Therefore we wanted to come to you—even I, Paul, time and again—but **Satan** hindered us.

The Bible gives us a clear portrait of who Satan is and how he affects our lives. Put simply, the Bible defines Satan as an angelic being who fell from his position in heaven due to sin and is now completely opposed to God, doing all in his power to thwart God's purposes...Satan was created as a holy angel and his pride led to his fall... Satan became the ruler of this world and the prince of the power of the air (**John 12:31; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Ephesians 2:2**). He is an accuser (**Revelation 12:10**), a tempter (**Matthew 4:3; 1 Thessalonians 3:5**), and a deceiver (**Genesis 3; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Revelation 20:3**). His very name means "adversary" or "one who opposes." Another of his titles, the devil, means "slanderer." Even though he was cast out of heaven, he still seeks to elevate his throne above God. He counterfeits all that God does, hoping to gain the worship of the world and encourage opposition to God's kingdom. Satan is the ultimate source behind every false cult and world religion. Satan will do anything and everything in his power to oppose God and those who follow God. However, Satan's destiny is sealed—an eternity in the lake of fire (**Revelation 20:10**). Re: **GotQuestions.org**

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, ⁴ whose **minds** the god of this age has **blinded**, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

- "minds" = their sound reasoning has been drastically affected about who Jesus is.

1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, (mentally alert) be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Re: **Ephesians 6:11-12**

1 Thessalonians 2:17-18 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His **coming**? ²⁰ For you are our glory and joy.

Mark your Calendar - Special Events at Grace:

Men's Bible Study Saturday, 11.1.25 - 8:30-Noon - Men & teen boys
Theme: What's Your Question?



Ladies' Annual Christmas Tea Saturday, 12.6.25 – 10:00am - Women & teen girls (9th grade & older)
Theme: Magnify – General ticket sales begin November 10th! Visit the table in the lobby for more information!