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For you yourselves know, brothers, that our visit with you was not without result. On the contrary, after we had previously suffered and been outrageously treated in Philippi, as you know, we were emboldened by our God to speak the gospel of God to you in spite of great opposition. For our exhortation didn't come from error or impurity or an intent to deceive.

Instead, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please men, but rather God, who examines our hearts. For we never used flattering speech, as you know, or had greedy motives—God is our witness— and we didn't seek glory from people, either from you or from others.

Although we could have been a burden as Christ's apostles, instead we were gentle among you, as a nursing mother nurtures her own children. We cared so much for you that we were pleased to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us. For you remember our labor and hardship, brothers.

Working night and day so that we would not burden any of you, we preached God's gospel to you. You are witnesses, and so is God, of how devoutly, righteously, and blamelessly we conducted ourselves with you believers. As you know, like a father with his own children, we encouraged, comforted, and implored each one of you to walk worthy of God, who calls

you into His own kingdom and glory.

The Call of the Gospel

Approved by God (v.4)

Pleasing God (v.4-5)

Purity of Purpose (v.7-12)

**Also, this is why we constantly thank God,
because when you received the message
about God that you heard from us, you
welcomed it not as a human message, but as
it truly is, the message of God, which also
works effectively in you believers. For you,
brothers, became imitators of God's churches
in Christ Jesus that are in Judea, since you**

have also suffered the same things from people of your own country, just as they did from the Jews. They killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and persecuted us; they displease God, and are hostile to everyone, hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles so that they may be saved. As a result, they are always adding to the number of their sins,

and wrath has overtaken them completely.

Receiving the Gospel

Don't receive it as a philosophy (v.13)

Receive it as it truly is (v.13)

Receive it knowing what may come (v.14-16)

But as for us, brothers, after we were forced to leave you for a short time (in person, not in heart), we greatly desired and made every effort to return and see you face to face. So we wanted to come to you—even I, Paul, time and again—but Satan hindered us. For who is our hope, or joy, or crown of boasting in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming?

Is it not you?

For you are our glory and joy!

Continuing in the Gospel

Our connection transcends proximity (v.17)

Our connection requires effort (v.17-18)

**Our connection leads to celebration in prayer
(v.19-20)**

What About You?

Are you pleasing God?

**How would you describe your connection to
other believers?**