

THE POWER OF THE REAL WORD OF GOD

1 THESSALONIANS 2:13-16 - OCTOBER 29, 2023

Introduction

11-12 “We took this very seriously because this was from God, who called you to his own kingdom and glory.”

13 “We thank God that you took it very seriously, because you realized it was truly the word of God.”

Evidence of the true Word of God at work: faithfulness despite suffering

Matthew 23:29–36

Romans 9:1–5; 10:1; 11:25-26, 28-29

Are you looking at the word of God, or not?

1 Thessalonians 4:8; 5:27; 2 Thessalonians 2:15

(Gal. 6:11, Col. 4:18, 2 Thes. 3:17)

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1. Jesus Brought the Truth

John 12:49–50 *For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak.⁵⁰ And I know that his commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told me.”*

John 14:6 *I am the truth*

Hebrews 1:1–2 *Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son*

2. Two Challenges and One Big Question

Challenge #1:

Challenge #2:

How could the truth be preserved and passed along to all generations and to all nations?

3. Jesus’ Own Answers

a. Jesus appointed apostles to officially represent him and his teachings

1 John 1:3 *that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.*

Hebrews 2:3 *how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard,*

2 Peter 1:16 *For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.*

Acts 4:19–20 *But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge,²⁰ for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.”*

Acts 26:16–18 *But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you,¹⁷ delivering you from your people and from the Gentiles—to whom I am sending you¹⁸ to open their eyes...*

1 Corinthians 15:1–10a

Colossians 1:23, 25–27 *if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister [servant]...²⁵ according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known,²⁶ the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints.²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*

b. Jesus gave the Holy Spirit

- i. The Spirit would teach them all things (John 14:26).
- ii. The Spirit would bring to their remembrance all that Jesus said to them (John 14:26).
- iii. The Spirit of truth would come and testify about Jesus (John 15:26).
- iv. The Spirit would guide them into all the truth (including the things that they could not bear at that point) (John 16:12–13).
- v. The Spirit would disclose to them what was to come (John 16:13).
- vi. The Spirit would disclose to them the truths about Jesus that would glorify Him (John 16:14).

Jude 3 Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints.

Hebrews 1:2 in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son