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Epistle

1 Th 2:9-13

Manner of bringing the Gospel

1 Thessalonians chapter 2 verses 9 through 13



For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God. Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe:

As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children, That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory. For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

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1 Th 2:1-8

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1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

This was the very first book of the NT and was written by Paul from Greece c. 49-51 CE. Thessalonica is an important stop on the main Roman highway running across northern Greece and connected Anatolia to Italy. Philippi was also on the route. Paul had some opposition in Philippi and established a small community there, as he did next with Thessalonica.

In 1:9 we read that the Thessalonians “turned to God from idols”), so most of these converts were Gentiles.

Paul was forced to move on (?), and eventually reached Corinth from which he wrote this letter.

Here is the J.B. Philips translation, which is easier to understand, and a good translation from the Greek.

Philips NT 1972

“9 Our struggles and hard work, my brothers, must be still fresh in your minds. Day and night we worked so that our preaching of the gospel to you might not be a burden to any of you.

10 You are witnesses, as is God himself, that our life among you believers was devoted, straightforward and above criticism.

11 You will remember how we dealt with each one of you personally, like a father with his own children, comforting and encouraging.

12 We told you from our own experience how to live lives worthy of the God who is calling you to share the splendor of his own kingdom.

13 And so we are continually thankful to God that when you heard the Word of God from us you accepted it, not as a mere human message, but as it really is, God’s Word, a power in the lives of you who believe.”