

Celebration of Faithfulness
1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-8

TO BE GOD'S LOVE...

You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not without results. **1Thess 2:1**

If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.
John 8:31-32

This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.
John 15:8

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
Matt 28:19

And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.
Mark 16:15

1. WE WILL BE PERSECUTED !

We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in the face of strong opposition. **1Thess 2:2**

That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.
2Cor 12:10

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Matt 5:10

2. WE WILL BE QUESTIONED !

For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. **1Thess 2:3**

But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord
2Pet 2:1

For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness.
2 Cor 11:13-15

You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness.
1Thess 2:5

3. WE WILL BE APPROVED BY GOD !

On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts.
1Thess 2:4

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.
2Tim 2:15

We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority.
1Thess 2:6

4. WE WILL BE GENTLE !

But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cares for her children, so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.
1Thess 2:7-8

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.
Col 4:5-6

I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ.
Philemon 1:6