1 Thessalonians 2:1-20
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- Tonight – Opportunity to give a Bible study
- Comment – Last week, we began a series about 1 Thessalonians
- Title – "1 Thessalonians 2:1-20"

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1 Thes. 1:9	you turned to God – from idols to serve the living and true God
10	to wait for His Son from heaven – whom He raised from the dead
1 Thes. 2:1	you know – that our coming to you was not in vain
2	even after we suffered before, and were spitefully treated at Philippi – we were bold to speak to you the gospel of God in much conflict
Acts 16:12	to Philippi – which is foremost city of that part of Macedonia
16-19	slave girl – with a spirit of divination
20-39	Paul & Silas in prison – Paul asserted his Roman citizenship
40	gathering – house of Lydia in Philippi
1 Thes. 2:3	no hidden motive
4	not as pleasing men – seeking to please God (who tests the heart)
5	no flattering words – to hide covetousness – God is our witness
6	not seeking glory from men – we did not make demands
7	we were gentle – like a mother
8	affectionately longing for you – the gospel & our lives
9	you remember our labor and toil – laboring night & day – that we may not be a burden to any of you

- In Corinth

Acts 18:1	Paul went to Corinth – (18 months – verse 11)
2-3	Aquila & Priscilla – same trade – occupation was tent-makers
1 Cor. 9:1	am I not an apostle?
2	if I am not an apostle to others, doubtless I am an apostle to you
4	don't we have the right to eat and drink?
5	don't we have the right to have a believing wife?
6	is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working?
9	referred to Deuteronomy 25:4 – you shall not muzzle the ox
12	we have not used this right
13	those who minister the holy things, eat of the things in the temple
15	not preoccupied with money
16	if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast about – I must preach the gospel – woe to me if I don't preach the gospel
17	must preach willingly
19	though I am free from all men, I made myself a servant to all

2 Cor. 11:7 did I commit a sin because I preached the gospel free of charge?
8 I robbed other churches – taking wages from them to minister to you
9 I was not a burden to you – what I lacked the brethren from Macedonia supplied

· In Philippi

Phil. 4:15 in the beginning of the gospel (when I departed from Macedonia), no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving – only you
16 in Thessalonica, you sent aid once – and again for necessities
17 I am not trying to get something from you – I want you to be blessed

· In Thessalonica

2 Thes. 3:8 we did not eat anyone's bread free of charge – but worked with labor and toil – night and day – not wanting to be a burden to you
9 not because we do not have authority – but we wanted to be an example
10 if anyone will not work, he should not eat
11 some don't work at all – being busybodies
12 they should work

· Paul's treatment of the brethren – their reaction to Paul

1 Thes. 2:10 his treatment of the brethren – devoutly, justly and blamelessly
11 exhorted – comforted – charged everyone – like a father does his children
12 to walk worthy of God – who calls you into His own kingdom & glory
13 you welcomed the word – not as the word of men, but as the word of God
14-16 you brethren – became imitators of the churches of God in Judea

· you suffered from your countrymen – just as disciples in Judea suffered from Judeans
· they killed the Lord Jesus & His prophets
· they have persecuted us
· they do not please God
· they are contrary to all men
· forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles (that they might be saved)
· they (the Jews) fill up the measure of their sins
· wrath has come upon them

1 Thes. 2:17 we have been taken away from you, for a short time – in presence, not in heart – we want to see you again
18 I wanted to come often – I was hindered by Satan
19 what is our hope, joy and rejoicing?
· for you to be in the presence of our Lord at His coming
20 you are our glory and joy