

Study Guide

Message: What is God saying to us? - The Word at Work at the Word!

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Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 2.13



1. How God's Word works:

- a) It _____ with God. v13. For this reason, we also thank God without ceasing, ... Reference: Luke 24.45

'Apart from the Holy Spirit, giving us understanding, we may read the Scriptures, but fail to understand the depth of its truth to us.'

Application:

- *Recognize* that the Scriptures come from God.
- *Ask God* to *open* your heart to *understand* the Scriptures.
- *Give God thanks* for *His presence working in your life*.

- b) It needs an _____ heart: v13b. because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, ...

How did you receive it: *'because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, – it took root in your heart to hold it and embrace it.'*

Why did you receive it: *'you welcome it not as the word of men but as it is in truth the word of God.'*

'You recognized the Word is *not* from man but from God. As a result, you were not merely informed by it but transformed, having received God's thoughts, cares, and desires.'

Results of the Word working:

- *'You begin to think like* God thinks.
- You begin to *care about what God cares* about.
- You begin to *desire what he desires*.'

'Though we may faithfully listen to the preaching of Scripture, we can still miss God's truth – mistaking it for the voice of man rather than God if we're not spiritually discerning. Reference: 1 Corinthians 2.14

- 'It is only by the *Holy Spirit* that our hearts are *opened* to truly grasp the truth, understanding both the meaning and the personal application of God's Word.'
- Reference: Acts 16.14

Application:

- Be spiritually discerning.
 - Move beyond head knowledge to heart transformation.
 - Align your life with God's mind, cares, and desires.
- c) It works by _____: v13c. which also *effectively* works in you who believe.
- '*effectively* works' - *word at work to produce godly results*
 - '*in you*' – *not just to inform you but transform you*
 - '*who believe*' *faith activates the power of the word spoken*

References: Romans 1.16, Romans 10.9, Hebrews 4.2

'You can be under the Word and still be unchanged if you don't believe it. But the moment you take God at His Word by faith and act on it, something supernatural begins work in you.'

Application:

- God's word is active
- God's word produces results (word preached)
- God's word becomes active by faith

Takeaway: We *thank* God, because you received the message not as the word of men but in truth the Word of God. You *received it, believed it, and were changed by it*. That kind of response only happens when God moves first, and we respond by faith in Him.

2. **What is God saying to us?** 'My desire is that the followers of NOW WORD be *spiritually discerning*, able to recognize when I speak by the Spirit and through the Scriptures, so that they may **know** what I know, **care** for what I care for, and **desire** what I desire.

Application:

1. How do you receive God's Word?
2. When God's word is taught, do I welcome it?
3. Is God's word actively working in me? Give example.