

**{52} I Thessalonians**

(13) Also for this reason we thank God without ceasing, because, when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you received *it* not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectively works also in you who believe.

(14) Because you, brothers, became followers of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus: because you also have suffered similar things of your own countrymen, even as they *have* of the Jews:

(15) Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they do not please God, and are contrary to all men:

(16) Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles {non-Jews} that they might be saved, to fill up their sins always: because the wrath {anger; judgment} has come upon them completely.

(17) But we, brothers, being taken from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavored the more abundantly to see your face with great desire.

(18) Therefore we would have come to you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us.

(19) Because what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? *Is* it not you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?

(20) Because you are our glory and joy.