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- (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.