



The Word at Work

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1 Thessalonians 2:13-16

And we also thank God over and over because, having received the word of God which you heard from us, you all heartily welcomed it not as a word from men, but as it truly is - a word from God. And this word is at work in you - the allied ones who faithfully believe. For you, family, have become imitators of us to the churches of God in Judea, who are in King Jesus, because you suffered the same things at the hands of your own people that they suffered at the hands of the Jews. These are the ones who killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets as well as those who severely persecuted us. They are not God-pleasers, are opposed to all people, and continue to hinder us from speaking to the nations in order that they might be saved. This achieved the purpose of always bringing their sins to full measure. But the wrath of God came upon them in the end.

The word of God went forth and went to work among the Thessalonians. As a result ...

The word of God became **CHERISHED**.

The word of God continued to bring **CHANGE**.

The word of God proved **COSTLY**.