

Sunday, March 15, 2026

1 Thessalonians: Contrasting Responses to the Word of God 1 Thessalonians 2:13-16

Scripture passage: Hebrews 4:1-16

1. An example for us to _____.

- A. They _____ the Word.
- B. They _____ to the Word.
- C. They _____ the Word.
- D. They _____ to the authority of the Word.

The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. Therefore, all Scripture is totally true and trustworthy. It reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. All Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation.

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"For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart."

Hebrews 4:12

E. They _____ the Word to accomplish its purpose in them.

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, And do not return there without watering the earth And making it bear and sprout, And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; ¹¹ So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it."

Isaiah 55:10-11

"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ."

Romans 10:17

"You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them, ¹⁵ and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."

2 Timothy 3:14-17

F. They _____ opposition to the Word.

2. A frightening example for us to _____.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous man shall live by faith."

Romans 1:16-17

"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."

Acts 4:12

Applying the Word:

- Give thanks to God for the blessing of our Bible.
- Ensure the Word has accomplished its purpose in our lives – 'give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.'
- Trust in the power of God's Word in our lives and those we love.