

**HOW DO WE KNOW GOD'S WORD IS AT WORK IN US?**  
**THE THESSALONIAN'S EXAMPLE: PART 1**  
**1 Thessalonians 2:14-16**

- I. **THEIR WELCOME OF THE WORD BROUGHT TEMPORAL SUFFERING from their own people, just like Jewish believers received from theirs (14-16)**
- A. **These Thessalonian brethren** became imitators of their Jewish brethren, in that they **also suffered in the same way** at the hands of their own countrymen (14)
- B. **The nature of their suffering, as illustrated through the Jewish persecutors (15-16)**
1. **They oppose Christ** – The Word incarnate: They killed the Lord Jesus (15a)
  2. **They oppose those who impart the Word of God (15b)**
    - a) They killed the prophets
    - b) The persecuted Paul and his companions
  3. Although they do things in God name, they are not pleasing to God but hostile to all men because **they hinder those from speaking the saving Gospel (15b-16a)**
  4. **God's wrath is upon them** to the utmost (16b)

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- II. **THEY HAD ENTERED INTO ETERNALLY REWARDING RELATIONSHIPS that Satan attempts to thwart temporarily (17-20)**