

sermon notes

Not the Word of Men, but the Word of God **1 Thessalonians 2:13 — March 3, 2024**

introduction: The apostle Paul spoke in the synagogue in the city of Thessalonica for three Sabbaths. Paul spoke, but it was not the word of a man; it was the word of God.

1. The gospel message — Jesus' _____ death _____ and resurrection — is the word of God (1 Thessalonians 2:13; Acts 17:3; 1 Thessalonians 2:9).

supporting Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 15:1, 3-4
Acts 8:5, 14; Acts 10:39-40; Acts 11:1

personal application: _____ Tell others _____ about Jesus' death and resurrection. Tell them that personal faith in Jesus is the only way to be saved and receive eternal life.

supporting Scriptures: Acts 16:31; Romans 10:9-10

2. The written _____ Scriptures _____ are the word of God (1 Thessalonians 2:13; Acts 17:2).

supporting Scripture: Mark 7:13

1) The Bible claims that it originated with _____ God _____ (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21).

2) The Bible's _____ unique _____ message is evidence it is the word of God.

1. God is eternal, triune, present everywhere, all-powerful, all-knowing, sovereign, etc.

2. Jesus is fully God and fully man.

3. People are evil in character and sinful in conduct, worthy of condemnation.

4. The punishment for sin is everlasting, conscious torment.

5. Salvation is completely apart from any human works — by grace alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone.

3) The Bible's _____ unity _____ is evidence it is the word of God.

1. The Bible was written over a period of approximately 1550 years (from about 1445 B.C. to about 95 A.D.).

2. The sixty-six individual books of the Bible were written by approximately 40 human writers from various backgrounds.

3. The individual books of the Bible were written in different places — portions of it were written on three continents: Africa, Europe, and Asia

4. The Bible's subject matter includes many controversial subjects – God, angels, Satan, people, life and death, sin and salvation, heaven and hell.

Yet the Bible's human writers wrote on controversial subjects with unity and harmony. That's not the result of chance. God superintended human writers who were different from each other to give us a unified Bible.

4) The Bible's historical and prophetic accuracy is evidence it is the word of God.

3. The word of God _____ works _____ effectively in the lives of those who believe (1 Thessalonians 2:13; Acts 17:4).

supporting Scriptures: 1 Thessalonians 1:9; Hebrews 4:12

The _____ millions _____ of people whose lives have been changed by the Bible are evidence that it is the word of God.

personal application: You must get into the written word of God, and the written word of God must get into you (James 1:22; Colossians 3:16).