

## PERSEVERANCE

### “NOT MY WORDS BUT THINE”

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1 Thessalonians 2:13-16

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#### I. Thankful for the Word of God (vs. 13)

- A. The Word of God Given (1 Peter 1:23-25)
- B. The Word of God Received (James 1:21)
- C. The Word of God Shared (2 Timothy 2:6; 2 Corinthians 9:10; Proverbs 11:25)
- D. The Word of God Initiates a Response (1 Thessalonians 2:13b)

#### II. Thankful for the Church of God (vs. 14)

- A. The Church Initiated (Matthew 28:18-20)
- B. The Church Imitated (1Thessalonians 1:6; 2:14; Ephesians 4:11-13)
- C. The Church Illustrated (Matthew 16:16-18)

#### III. Thankful for the Mercy of God (vs. 15-16)

- A. Mercy in spite of causing suffering (Romans 5:8)
- B. Mercy in spite of displeasing God (Ephesians 2:4-5)
- C. Mercy in spite of being hostile (Colossians 1:21)
- D. Mercy in spite of heaping up sins (Romans 5:20-21)
- E. Mercy in spite of the deserved wrath of God (Romans 5:9)

#### Application:

- What are some ways you can thank God for His Word?
- What are some ways you can thank God for His Church?
- How can you show God you are thankful for His mercy?