

Family Sermon Sheet – I Thessalonians 2:13-20  
“Thanksgiving and Longing”

1. This section has two parts: thanksgiving because the Thessalonians received the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, and longing to see the Thessalonians (verses 13-16), because they were the \_\_\_\_\_ of the missionaries (verses 17-20).
2. The preaching of God’s word *is* God’s word (verse 13), because:
  - a. the pastor is smart and funny.
  - b. the pastor explains the Bible.
  - c. the church is popular.
3. The Thessalonians showed their faith by holding to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, even though their neighbors persecuted them (verse 14).
4. What is a way to know that your faith is real?
  - a. You prayed for forgiveness sometime in the past.
  - b. You are a generally decent person.
  - c. You keep believing and following God’s word even if you suffer or you prosper.
5. Why did the authors blame the Jews for the death of Christ? (verses 15-16)
  - a. Some Jews did participate in the death of Christ and also started the persecution of Christians in Thessalonica.
  - b. The Jews were the only ones who caused Jesus to die.
  - c. All the Jews were against Christ and against Christians.
6. How did the missionaries feel after they had to leave Thessalonica? (verse 17-18)
  - a. They felt as if they had lost their children and wanted to see them again.
  - b. They just moved on to the next place and didn’t think about them again.
  - c. They were angry at the Thessalonians for driving them out.
7. The missionaries called the Christians in Thessalonica their \_\_\_\_\_, their \_\_\_\_\_, their \_\_\_\_\_ of boasting, and their \_\_\_\_\_ (verses 19-20).