

††† SERMON NOTES †††

I Thess. 2:13-20 Believing the Bible – 1st century or 21st century

I. The Bible is the Word of God, and therefore our Final Authority v. 13

- A. _____ it “hearing of the _____”
- B. _____ it “hearing from the heart”

If it is just man’s word, then I can sit in judgment on it. If it is God’s Word, then what He says has final claim on my life, and IT sits in judgment on _____

v. 13 – God releases His divine energy and power to enable you to do what He’s called you to do!

II. Believing the Bible will bring opposition. V. 14 & 18 (Satan blocked our way)

- A. Believers are _____ opposition!
Heb. 12:4 – we haven’t suffered to the point of shedding our blood!
- B. Sometimes the opposition comes from “your own people” (NIV)
- C. _____ is always behind it. v. 18

III. Believing the Bible reminds us that _____ will have the final word v. 16b; 19, 20

- A. Judgment is coming to those who oppose God’s Word v. 16b
 - 1. They heap up their sins to the limit
 - 2. Wrath has come upon them.
- B. _____ is coming to those who accept God’s Word. V. 19, 20

IV. Believing the Bible is strengthened by meeting with fellow believers.

Heb. 10: ²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

