

Sermon Notes – September 6, 2020

Our Glory and Joy (*I Thessalonians 2:13-20*)

- I. The Word of God is operating in every believer. (*Vs. 13*)
 - A. The Word is Christ in us. (*John 1*) (*Colossians 1:27*)
 - B. The Word is active. (*Hebrews 4:13*)
 - C. The Word is perfecting us. (*Philippians 1:6*)
 - D. The Word is strengthening us. (*I John 4:4*)

- II. The imitation of the godly is the practice of every believer. (*Vss. 14-18*)
 - A. In spite of suffering.
 - B. In spite of opposition.
 - C. In spite of God's wrath.
 - D. In spite of separation.

- III. The coming of Christ will reveal the accomplishments and position of every believer. (*Vss. 19-20*)
 - A. We are the EKKLESIA who are used to influence others.
 - B. We are His WORKMANSHIP who have been created for a purpose.
 - C. We are the BODY of Christ who are united to the Head of the Church.
 - D. We are the BRIDE of Christ who will be presented by the Bridegroom in all her glory. (*Revelation 19:7-8*)

I Corinthians 15:58: Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.