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Topic: Receive the Word!

Text: 1 Thessalonians 2:13

1. The Word of God is God's special revelation to mankind to show us the way to have eternal life. It also teaches us how to live our lives in a way that pleases God. The Thessalonian church brought much joy to Apostle Paul because they greatly desired to receive God's Word. Therefore, he wanted them to continue in this way in order to be a good witness to others.
2. Receiving the Word of God must first begin with the preaching of God's Word. The emphasis here is the oral nature of the declaration of God's Word. Faithful preaching and teaching are key and non-negotiable. Pastors and teachers of Sunday schools have a high calling from God which they should not take lightly. Their teaching must be from God's Word and not just their own experiences.
3. Receiving the Word of God must be done genuinely. When we hear something that pricks our conscience, we shouldn't avoid it. We must do our best to change our lives and grow in God's ways. God's Word must be received as from Him alone because the Author of the Bible is God Himself. He inspired His perfect Word. Therefore, receive it not as man's words, but receive it as the Word of God.

*The Word of God will work effectually in our lives to enable us to grow in His grace.*