January 9th, 2022



**Week 2:**

**Are You Still Fervent?**

***1 Thessalonians 2***

1. **What the \_\_\_\_\_\_ Provides and the Superior Alternative**
2. You can settle for…
* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** with no real purpose
* Impure motives/hidden agendas
* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**-pleasing
* Temporary humanitarian efforts
* Living for human **\_\_\_\_\_\_**/opposition
* Conditional love
* Earthly riches… **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
* Human wisdom
1. Or, with God, you can experience…
* **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** in your pain
* Fellowship in the body of Christ
* A life lived for **\_\_\_\_\_\_** pleasure
* Lasting and eternal change in lives
* Living for God’s **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
* Unconditional love
* Eternal rewards in heaven… **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
* The wisdom of the all-knowing Creator of everything
1. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**: An Intentional Choice
* Fervent *(adj)* having or showing great warmth or intensity of spirit, feeling, enthusiasm; ardent; hot, burning, glowing *(www.dictionary.com)*
1. **The World Needs \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Christians**
2. People are **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
* The Church is able to demonstrate courage in suffering.

*“You yourselves know, dear brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not a failure. You know how badly we had been treated at Philippi just before we came to you and how much we suffered there. Yet our God gave us the courage to declare His Good News to you boldly, in spite of great opposition.” –* 1 Thessalonians 2:1-3 (NLT)

1. People feel **\_\_\_\_\_\_** and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
* The Church can offer true fellowship.

*“Never once did we try to win you with flattery, as you well know. And God is our witness that we were not pretending to be your friends just to get your money! As for human praise, we have never sought it from you or anyone else.”* – 1 Thessalonians 2:5-6 (NLT)

1. People are **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.
* The Church knows the way to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

*“We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God’s Good News but our own lives, too.”*

– 1 Thessalonians 2:8 (NLT)

1. **A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Fervency**

*“After all, what gives us hope and joy, and what will be our proud reward and crown as we stand before our Lord Jesus when He returns? It is you! Yes, you are our pride and joy.” – 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20 (NIV)*

1. You are part of something **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

*“You remember us in those days, friends, working our fingers to the bone, up half the night, moonlighting…”*

– 1 Thessalonians 2:9a (MSG)

1. You are part of something **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

*“You saw with your own eyes how discreet and courteous we were among you, with keen sensitivity to you as fellow believers.”* – 1 Thessalonians 2:10 (MSG)

1. You are part of something **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

*“With each of you we were like a father with his child, holding your hand, whispering encouragement, showing you step-by-step how to live well before God, who called us into His own kingdom, into this delightful life.”*

– 1 Thessalonians 2:11-12 (MSG)

1. **Are You Still Fervent?**
2. Do people think of you as having or showing great warmth or intensity of spirit, feeling, and enthusiasm about Jesus?
3. Do you accept the mission of CWC?

To share the light of Jesus Christ with our world

1. Are you intentionally gathering, growing, giving, and going?

**To begin a relationship with Jesus…**

**Text: I Choose Jesus to 570-273-0088**

**Next Sunday:**

**Thessalonians: Are You Still There?**

**Week 3: Are You Still Filled?**

**(1 Thessalonians 3)**



**Giving & Attendance Update
Giving last Sunday: 125% of goal**

**Giving year to date: 89.4% of goal**

**Attendance last Sunday: 1,764**

**Salvations to date: 176 | Baptisms to date: 25**

**Christmas Blessing Update**

**Local: $42,000.00**

**Global (Clean Water): $43,557.46**