## Introduction

- 1. 1 Thessalonians 2:13
- 2. The Bible is God's Word and it is inspired 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- 3. Because it is from God (text) it must be:

## II Discussion

- 1. Desired
  - a. More desirable than gold Psalm 19:9-10
  - b. Sergius Paulus, desired to hear the word of God Acts 13:7
  - c. The Ethiopian eunuch desired to know more about the Scriptures Acts 8:31
- 2. Heard
  - a. Mark 16:15-16 we cannot preach anything but it must be the Gospel, therefore that is what must be heard 2 Timothy 4:1-4
  - b. The Ephesians heard Ephesians 1:13
  - c. The Samaritans heard also Acts 8:6
- 3. Understood
  - a. Jesus said God's Word can be understood Matthew 13:23
  - b. Paul said God's Word can be understood Ephesians 5:17
  - c. Peter said God's Word can be understood 2 Peter 3:15-16
- 4. Believed
  - a. The Ephesians believed Ephesians 1:13
  - b. It must be believed Mark 16:15-16
  - c. Those of Berea received and believed Acts 17:11-12
- 5. Accepted (Obeyed)
  - a. Some hear and receive the word and then bring forth fruit Mark 4:20; Luke 8:15
  - b. We must hear, believe and obey Matthew 7:21-27
  - c. We must receive with meekness the engrafted word James 1:21-25
  - d. There are consequences for not obeying the Gospel 2 Thessalonians 1:8; 1 Peter 4:17
- 6. Held fast
  - a. The Word must be kept Luke 8:15 Patience kjv, endurance (margin note in NJKV)
  - b. We must stand in the Word 1 Corinthians 15:1-3
  - c. We must continue in James 1:25
  - d. He that endureth to the end will be saved Matthew 10:22

## III Conclusion

- 1. Do we desire the word, do we understand, do we believe and have we obeyed the word of God?
- 2. The Word of God is true, it is powerful, and tells us of God's love, grace and mercy
- 3. Why not believe and accept it today
- 4. If you have but have not held fast then today get a firm grip and do not let go

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