

## "THE APOSTLE'S DEFENSE OF HIS MINISTRY" (Part 2) (1 Thessalonians 2:1-12)

- I. THE PRESCRIPT OF "1 THESSALONIANS" (1:1)
- II. THEIR THANKSGIVING TO GOD FOR THESE THESSALONIAN BELIEVERS. (1:2-10)
- III. THE VINDICATION OF THEIR MESSAGE AND MINISTRY. (2:1-16)

### A. Their GODLY MINISTRY in Review. (2:1-12)

#### 1. Addressing the FALSE ACCUSATIONS of the Opposition. (2:1-6)

- a. The *PERSUASIVE MEANS* of Addressing these Allegations.
- b. The *HISTORICAL CIRCUMSTANCES* Surrounding the Evangelization of Thessalonica. (2:1-2)
- c. The *SPECIFIC DENIALS* of these False Allegations. (2:3)
- d. The *SPIRITUAL DEFENSE* of Their Ministry. (2:4)
- e. The *SUPPORTING EVIDENCE* to Verify Their Claims (2:5-6)

- 1) *Piece of evidence #1*: the missions team did not use \_\_\_\_\_ at any time. (2:5a)

*Verifying witness*: these Thessalonians believers... "as \_\_\_\_\_ know."

- 2) *Piece of evidence #2*: the missions team did not use their ministry as a pretense for \_\_\_\_\_. (2:5b)

*Verifying witness*: "\_\_\_\_\_ is our witness."

- 3) *Piece of evidence #3*: the missions team did not seek \_\_\_\_\_ from anyone, though they could have asserted their authority to do this. (2:6)

*Verifying witness*: all involved... "either from \_\_\_\_\_, or from \_\_\_\_\_."

**2. An Honest ANALYSIS of the FACTS About Their Ministry. (2:7-12)**

a. The **CLOSER EXAMINATION** of their Thessalonian Ministry. (2:7-9)

*Fact #1: “we were \_\_\_\_\_ among you even as a nursing mother cherishes her own children.” (2:7)*

\* What accusation does this destroy?

*Fact #2: “we were \_\_\_\_\_ for you” (2:8a)*

\* What accusation does this disprove?

*Fact #3: we were willing to share with you “the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.” (2:8b)*

\* What accusation does this counter?

*Fact #4: we were willing to share with you “our own \_\_\_\_\_.” (2:8c)*

\* What motivated them to do this?

\* What accusation does this rebuke?

\*How does this apply to you?