

1 Thessalonians Chapter 2

‘Take the long view.’



• Outline of chapter

• Questions:

1. Why so defensive Paul?
2. What are the qualities of a Christian leader?

1 Thessalonians 2:17-20

But, brothers and sisters, when we were orphaned by being separated from you for a short time (in person, not in thought), out of our intense longing we made every effort to see you.

¹⁸For we wanted to come to you – certainly I, Paul, did, again and again – but Satan blocked our way.

¹⁹For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you?

²⁰Indeed, you are our glory and joy.

Words:

- Orphan
- satan
- Hope
- Crown





Challenge!

1. Live with an eternal perspective
2. Love the 'others' as family

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Being.
Doing.

Summary:

1. Paul showed deep love and concern for those who came to Christ and he rejoiced in their perseverance
2. Paul looked forward to being united with them when Christ came and receiving his joy and crown
3. We need to see the bigger picture of salvation extending into the future
4. We need to wait on God and then love those who He sends us to.

Response:

1. Let the desire to obey send us into His presence, to repent, to worship, to listen and then to show and tell Jesus!
2. Ask God to help us embrace the eternal perspective