



HICKORY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

A Welcome Word | 1 Thessalonians 2:13-16

The Pastors' Class | Wednesday, May 6, 2020

God's Word transforms the lives of those who welcome it.

1. God Speaks

a. The Bible is God's Word

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1. Revelation
2. Inspiration
3. Illumination

b. The Bible is God's Word about Jesus Christ

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2. People Respond

a. We Receive the Word Intellectually

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b. We Welcome the Word Internally

3. The Word Transforms

a. The Word Transforms our Affection

1 Thess. 2:14 For you, brothers, became **imitators of the churches of God** in Christ Jesus that are in Judea. For **you suffered the same things** from your own countrymen as they did from the Jews,

b. The Word Transforms our Direction

1 Thess. 2:15-16 who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out, and displease God and oppose all mankind by hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles that they might be saved—so as always to fill up the measure of their sins. But wrath has come upon them at last!