

1 Thessalonians 2:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

For yourselves, brethren, know our entrance in unto you, that it was not in vain:

Paul encourages perseverance and teaches about Christ's return. This verse contributes to Paul's overall purpose in 1 Thessalonians: Encourage perseverance and teach about Christ's return. The key themes of second coming, sanctification, hope are evident in this passage.

Historical Context

Historical Setting: 1 Thessalonians was written around 50-51 CE from Corinth to Young church facing persecution.

Occasion: Timothy's encouraging report. These early letters addressed a young church's questions about Christ's return. Facing persecution, believers needed assurance of God's promises and practical guidance.

First-century believers lived in a pluralistic, pagan society with many parallels to today. Social structures, economic pressures, and religious confusion all challenged Christian witness. Paul's instructions addressed both timeless theological truths and specific cultural situations.

Related Passages

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How does 1 Thessalonians 2:1 deepen my understanding of the gospel and God's character?
2. What specific action or attitude change does this verse call me to make this week?
3. How can I better contribute to the unity and growth of my local church?

Interlinear Text

Αὐτοὶ	γὰρ	οἶδατε	ἀδελφοί	τὴν	εἴσοδον	ἡμῶν	τὴν
yourselves	For	know	brethren	G3588	entrance in	our	G3588
G846	G1063	G1492	G80		G1529	G2257	
πρὸς	ὑμᾶς	ὅτι	οὐ	κενὴ	γέγονεν		
unto	you	that	not	in vain	it was		
G4314	G5209	G3754	G3756	G2756	G1096		

Additional Cross-References

2 Thessalonians 3:1 (Parallel theme): Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:

Psalms 127:1 (Parallel theme): Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58 (Parallel theme): Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Habakkuk 2:13 (Parallel theme): Behold, is it not of the LORD of hosts that the people shall labour in the very fire, and the people shall weary themselves for very vanity?

Philippians 2:16 (Parallel theme): Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

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