

**PAUL'S COMMENDABLE MINISTRY**  
**(1 Thessalonians 2:1-2)**

**I. PAUL'S INTRODUCTION AND SALUTATION (1:1)**

**II. PAUL'S COMMENDATION CONCERNING THE THESSALONIANS (1:2-10)**

How was the Thessalonian church a **model** church? (chp 1)

**III. PAUL'S GODLY MINISTRY TO THE THESSALONIANS (2:1-20)**

**A. An Overview of This Ministry - included ... reminding them of...**

1. The Thessalonians personal \_\_\_\_\_ of their past visit. This is seen by the words...  
“*For yourselves, \_\_\_\_\_ brethren*” (2:1-2, 5, 9-11)
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ they preached and its \_\_\_\_\_ among them. (2:2-4, 8-9)
3. Two credible witnesses as to their coming to them—namely, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
(2:5, 10)
4. Two instructive \_\_\_\_\_ to describe his ministry there: 1) that of a \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (2:1-6), and 2) that of \_\_\_\_\_—first as a loving  
\_\_\_\_\_ (2:7-8), and then as a concerned \_\_\_\_\_. (2:9-12)

**B. The CONDUCT of Paul and His Team at Thessalonica. (2:1-12)**

1. Their \_\_\_\_\_ to them. (2:1-2)
  - a. Their witness and entrance to the Thessalonians was not without spiritual \_\_\_\_\_  
or \_\_\_\_\_. (2:1)

\*How was this seen? (chp 1)

b. 2:1, tells us their witness & entrance to them “*was not*\_\_\_\_\_.”

\*Who could testify of this?

2. In verse two, Paul *substantiates* the \_\_\_\_\_ of their entrance and preaching unto them with \_\_\_\_ proofs:

a. Their preaching was in spite of serious \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_. (2:2a)

\* What persecution in particular?

b. Their entrance & preaching was by divinely enabled\_\_\_\_\_. (2:2b)

“we were bold” (parresiazomai)

Proverbs 29:25

1 Timothy 1:7

Ephesians 6:18-20

Colossians 4:2-4

c. The message they preached was the saving message of “the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.”  
(Rom. 1:16)

d. Their witness and entrance there was in much \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.

“contention” (agon)

• What can we learn from all this?