21.05.16 **We are family** 1 Thessalonians 2:13 – 20 Notes

INTRODUCTION

Christians in the church at Thessalonica faced:

 – which means pressure from circumstances

 – meaning driven out and rejected

 – used of winds that blow against and prevent progress

 – which pictures a broken up road that is impassable

The Bible tells us if we are living faithfully   we will suffer for His sake. 2 Timothy 3:12

Yet in the midst of this suffering, the Thessalonian Christians experienced

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**What resources does to the church to deal with suffering and persecution?**

1. **God provides to help us navigate suffering and persecution.** 1 Thessalonians 2:13

They  the word; they  the word; and they lived the word.

1. **God provides to help us grow through suffering and persecution.**  Verses 14 - 16

The pressures of persecution and suffering served to  these believers together.

Persecution is one reason it is vital to be  to the

 of faith.

We are united in suffering & persecution and we are united

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The   “in Christ” is more important than any other distinction or division.

1. **God provides to sustain us in following Him.** Verses 17 – 20