



# A Scriptural Church

**1 Thessalonians 2:13-3:13**



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- The church in Thessalonica was built on God's Word.
- To be a mighty church, our beliefs, our worship, our traditions must be tethered to Scripture.
- The Thessalonians did not just accept God's Word; they applied it to their lives.
- The more we get into God's Word, the more God's Word gets into us.



# A Suffering Church

The background of the slide features a faint, dark image of a church with a prominent steeple. The church is set against a dark, textured blue-green background that also includes faint outlines of classical columns on either side, suggesting an interior or a grand architectural setting.

- The Greek and Roman Christians in Thessalonica were being persecuted by their fellow Romans.
- Jesus often warned his disciples that persecution would come.
- Christians are the single most persecuted religious group in the world.
- The church today continues to grow even in the most hostile environments.
- Regardless of their suffering, the Thessalonians remained firm in their faith.



# A Strong Church



- Despite suffering for their faith, the church in Thessalonica was a strong church.
- Paul worried that the Christians in Thessalonica would lose their faith under pressure.
- Sometimes, when trouble comes our way, our faith is shaken, but when we stand together, we stand stronger.
- A strong church is one where the members strengthen and encourage one another.
- A mighty church is a church that stands together and supports one another during life's difficulties.



# Conclusion

- Many churches today are hollow and no longer bear fruit.
- May we always continue to bloom and follow in the footsteps of the church at Thessalonica.
- A Scriptural church that is willing to suffer and stand firm for Christ will prove to be a strong church.

