



I Thessalonians 2:1-20

“The Joy–The Hope–The CROWN!”

The Future Glory 2:19-20

ΣΤΕΦΑΝΟΣ ΚΑΥΧΗΣΙΣ



A Crown Of Victory

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2:1-2 You KNOW ...

2:3-4 Tested and Approved

παρακλησις	Comfort
παρακλητος	Comforter

2 Cor 5:20 “We are ambassadors for Christ, as though
God were making an appeal through us;
we beg you on behalf of Christ, as ambassadors,
be reconciled to God.”

2:5-8 We were like a Mother ...

Gentle — Caring

No Flattery

No Superiority

Prov 29:5 A man who flatters his neighbor

Is spreading a net (*a trap*) for his steps.

Rom 16:18 by their smooth and flattering speech they deceive
the hearts of the unsuspecting (*with concealed greed*)

Prov 10:11 The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life (*open*),
But the mouth of the wicked conceals (*hidden*) **violence**
“Hamans” to take advantage, harm widows and orphans

2:9 Remember??

2:10 YOU are the Witnesses!!

You can “see our motives”

2:11-12 We were like a Father ...

Encouraging—Consoling—Insisting
*A Father wants to see his children MATURE
To live a life that reflects the Father's glory*

Prov 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;
Fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Prov 1:8-9 Hear, my son, your father's **instruction**
And do not forsake your mother's **teaching**;
Indeed, they are a graceful wreath to your head (*stephanos*)
And ornaments about your neck.

2:13-16 ANOTHER Reason we are Grateful!

You are Imitating the Churches of Judea
Satan is the power behind the “Jewish Ship of State”

John 8:44 “You are of your father the devil,
and you want to do the desires of your father.

“I said to you that you will die in your sins;
for unless you believe that ‘**I am**’ (meaning God),
you will die in your sins.”

2:17-18 Obstacles and Roadblocks

The Jews hinder us ...
Satan (their master) blocks us ...

2:19-20 But if we do not get back ...

OUR HOPE is still for you!

NEXT WEEK: “THE FUTURE PERFECTION”