



# hope and holiness

a study in  
1 thessalonians

## Discussion Questions

1. Read 1 Thessalonians 2:13-16.
2. What is the difference between accepting the gospel as the word of men and accepting it as the Word of God? How do you know if you've done one or the other? Isn't it enough to accept it as the word of men, as long as you accept it?
3. In what ways might we or do we suffer for the gospel in our lives?
4. Read the story of Perpetua  
~ <http://www.christianitytoday.com/history/people/martyrs/perpetua.html>
5. What do you think you would have done?
6. How does suffering as Christians display Jesus in our lives? Is it important for us? For those around us? Why?
7. What does suffering for Christ show us about future suffering after death? Does that encourage you, or motivate you? Are you motivated by guilt or thankfulness or something else?
8. Do you enjoy this life more than you look forward to the next life? If so, how can you take steps to change that? How can we help each other?
9. Will you pray for opportunities this week to let your light shine for Christ, come what may?