

**HOW DO WE GROW IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST?
GOD'S POWERFUL WORD!
1 Thessalonians 2:13**

- I. ***We must RECEIVE and then ACCEPT HIS WORD (13a, b)***
 - A. **We must first Outwardly Receive God's Message (13a)**
 - 1. It needs to be given first to be received
 - 2. It needs to be humbly received, welcomed in the heart
 - 3. It is God's message that is humbly received
 - B. **We must then Inwardly Accept it as not as coming from man but from God (13b)**
 - 1. We must not accept it as the word of men
 - 2. We must accept and receive it as truly God's Word
- II. ***We must REALIZE GOD USES HIS WORD TO PERFORM HIS WORK IN US (13c)***
 - A. Remember it brought you into a relationship with God through Christ
 - B. It causes you to grow in your relationship with Christ (13c)