

OVERCOMING OPPOSITION

- 1 Thess 1:6-7
- 6 You became imitators of us and of the Lord; in spite of severe suffering, you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. 7 And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia.



A Powerful Testimony

■ 1 Thess 1:8-9

■ 8 The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia — **your faith in God has become known everywhere.**

Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, 9 for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,

The Coming Wrath

- 1 Thess 1:10
- 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead — Jesus, **who rescues us from the coming wrath.**
- (Rev.6:16-17)(Rev. 20:11-15)
- The term wrath can relate to God's wrath that will come to earth during the tribulation period, or to Gods wrath regarding eternal punishment.

Refuse Intimidation

- 1 Thess 2:1-2
- 2 You know, brothers, that our visit to you was not a failure. 2 We had previously suffered and been insulted in **Philippi**, as you know, but with the help of our God we **dared** to tell you his gospel in spite of **strong opposition**. Why was it not a failure?
- (Acts 16-16-40)

Ministers and Motives

- 1 Thess 2:3-6
- 3 For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. 4 On the contrary, we speak as men approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please men but God, who tests our hearts. 5 You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed — God is our witness. 6 We were not looking for praise from men, not from you or anyone else.