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Worship Service
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1 Thessalonians: Holiness & Hope in a Hostile World

Lesson Three • 1 Thessalonians 1:4-8

How the Gospel Changes You

God's Electing Love

We KNOW God has lovingly chosen you because the gospel has powerfully changed you.

*For we know, brothers loved by God, that He has chosen you.
1 Thessalonians 1:4*

But we ought to thank God always for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God has chosen you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. 2 Thessalonians 2:13

How the Gospel Changes You

Stage 1: The Gospel COMES to You!

The Coming of the Gospel to the Thessalonians

- The gospel came in WORD (v. 5).
- The gospel came in POWER of the Holy Spirit (v. 5).
- The gospel came with CONVICTION from men who were changed by the gospel (v. 5).

Stage 2: The Gospel WORKS in You!

And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers. 1 Thessalonians 2:13

The Working of the Gospel in the Thessalonians

- Thessalonians RECEIVED the gospel joyfully in much affliction (v. 6).
- Thessalonians became IMITATORS of Paul and Jesus so that they became an example to other believers (v. 6-7).

Stage 3: The Gospel SOUNDS FORTH from You!

The Sounding Forth of the Gospel by the Thessalonians

The gathered community of believers in Thessalonica became the gathered community of PROCLAIMERS (v. 8).

Do You Know?

Are you sure of your salvation in Jesus Christ?

Look at the evidence of a CHANGED LIFE to know for sure.

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