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

Lesson Four • 1 Thessalonians 1:8-10

A Commendable Reputation

If your reputation precedes you, what does it say?

Thessalonian Church's Reputation

When the gospel changes you, a COMMENDABLE reputation goes forth from you.

*For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia,
but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything.
1 Thessalonians 1:8*

Three Characteristics of a Commendable Reputation

1. May a GOSPEL-PROCLAIMING Reputation Go Forth from Our Church!

A Gospel-Proclaiming Reputation

Everyone in the church is to SOUND FORTH the gospel across the street and around the world (v. 8).

2. May a GOD-WORSHIPING Reputation Go Forth from Our Church!

A God-Worshiping Reputation

- Starts with a change in DIRECTION: you turn to God from idols (v. 9).

- Continues with a change in AFFECTION: you serve the living and true God (v. 9).

3. May a CHRIST-AWAITING Reputation Go Forth from Our Church!

A Christ-Awaiting Reputation

- We wait with persevering hope for Christ's RETURN from heaven (v. 10).

- We wait with persevering hope for Christ's RESCUE from the wrath to come (v. 10).

What Reputation Goes Forth from You?

Is your reputation such that it verifies the gospel and glorifies God?