

THE GOSPEL COMES WITH POWER

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Key Verse: 1:5

“because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake.”

1. Who are the senders¹ and recipients (1a)? How was the Thessalonian church born (Ac 17:1-4)? How did Paul greet them (1b)? What is the significance of “in God the Father,” and “the Lord Jesus Christ” to them?
2. What did Paul express about them (2-3)? What were Paul’s specific thanksgiving topics? What can you learn here about faith, love and hope?
3. Read verses 4-5. How did Paul describe the Thessalonian believers in relation to God? How did Paul describe the power of the gospel? Why did Paul mention how he lived among them? What can you learn here about the gospel?
4. How did Paul commend the Thessalonians’ response to the gospel message (6)? How could they endure sufferings with joy? How did their faith influence others (7-9a)?
5. How did the gospel change the lives and hopes of the Thessalonians (9b-10)? What can we learn about God and about his Son Jesus?

¹ The senders of this letter are “Paul, Silas and Timothy” (1:1). References to “I” indicate that Paul was the actual writer (2:18; 3:5; 5:27). Paul included Silas and Timothy because they were his fellow workers in Thessalonica and shared his concern for the believers there (3:6-10; Ac 17:5,10,14,15).