

What to Be Known For

⁵For our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction, just as you know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.

⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, having welcomed the word in severe affliction with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all those who believe in Macedonia and in Achaia.

⁸For the word of the Lord rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith toward God has gone out everywhere, so that there's no need for us to say anything. ⁹For they themselves keep reporting about us the kind of entrance we had among you: how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead— Jesus who rescues us from the coming wrath. ■

- The WORD presented with power
- The WORD welcomed with joy
- The WORD sounded out with echoes

THINGS YOU SHOULD WANT TO BE KNOWN FOR

- for the godly people you modeled your life after
[John Piper • 21 SERVANTS OF SOVEREIGN JOY]
- for the blessed people who modeled themselves after you
[David Michael • ZEALOUS: 7 COMMITMENTS FOR THE DISCIPLESHIP OF THE NEXT GENERATIONS]
- for the supernatural joy you showed when you faced adversity
[Greg Lucas • WRESTLING WITH AN ANGEL]
[Philip Keller • DISAPPOINTMENT WITH GOD]
- for the God-focused life you lived / 3 parts
 - 1 how you exalted God above the gods of this age
[Tim Keller • COUNTERFEIT GODS]
 - 2 how you served God with the gifts He gave you
[Jim Elliot • THE JOURNAL OF JIM ELLIOT]
 - 3 how you longed to see Jesus face to face
[J.I. Packer • KNOWING GOD]