

FUTURE HOPE

1 THESSALONIANS

How the Gospel Works

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

**In this section of Scripture, we'll
see how evangelism and the
gospel is supposed to work.**

1 Thessalonians 1:5

5 For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.

1 Thessalonians 1:6-7

6 And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit,
7 so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe.

1 Thessalonians 1:8

8 For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything.

1 Thessalonians 1:9

9 For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,

1 Thessalonians 1:10

10 and to wait for His Son from heaven,
whom He raised from the dead, even
Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to
come.

I. The Gospel Is Received (1 Thess. 1:5)

1. The gospel had a powerful effect as people heard the message and watched how the messengers lived their lives.
2. The Holy Spirit opened their minds, convicted their hearts, and made the verbal message clear in their outward lives.
3. The gospel came in assurance or conviction.

John 6:28-29

28 Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?" 29 Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."

Romans 10:17

17 So then faith comes by hearing, and
hearing by the word of God.

Romans 1:16

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

II. The Gospel Redirects

(1 Thess. 1:6, 7, 9, 10)

1. They Followed Spiritual Leadership (VS 6)

Hebrews 13:17

17 Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

**The Heart of a disciple is
hungry for the Word!**

1 Peter 2:2-3

2 as newborn babes, desire the pure
milk of the word, that you may grow
thereby, 3 if indeed you have tasted that
the Lord is gracious.

2 Timothy 2:15

15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a worker who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

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2. They Suffered with Joy (VS 6)

**The evidence of their faith was seen
in the fact that they:
Embraced The Word
Turned from Idols
Became Disciples
Suffered with Joy**

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3. They Became Example to other Christians (VS 7)

John 1:1

1 “In the beginning was the Word, and
the Word was with God, and the Word
was God”

Ask yourself:

“If everyone in my church was just like me, what kind of church would this be?”

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4. Turned from Idolatry and Began Serving God (VS 9)
5. They Anticipated Jesus' Return (VS 10)

Titus 2:13

13 looking for the blessed hope and
glorious appearing of our great God and
Savior Jesus Christ,

John 14:2-3

2 ...“I go to prepare a place for you. 3
And if I go and prepare a place for you, I
will come again and receive you to
Myself; that where I am, there you may
be also.”

Acts 1:11

11 who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

III. The Gospel Rings Out (VS 8)

1. Sounded Forth

2. In Every Place

Acts 17:6

6 “These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.”

"One of the saddest statistics of our day is that 95% of all church members have never led anyone to Christ."

(Dr. D. James Kennedy-Evangelism Explosion)

A recent survey of church growth indicated that 70 to 80 percent of a church's growth is the result of friends witnessing to friends and relatives to relatives.

2 Cor 5:14

14 For the love of Christ compels us...

The model church has a faith that works, a love that labors and a hope that endures.

May God help us to become the model church!

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