



1 THESSALONIANS SERIES - 06
“The Gospel Is More Than Words”
1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

INTRODUCTION

I. THE AUTHORITY OF THE GOSPEL – v. 5

- The Presentation – “*not in word only*”
- The Power – “*but also in power*” – “*dunamis*”
- The Person – “*and in the Holy Spirit*”
- The Persuasion – “*w/ full conviction*” – “*plērophoria*”
- The Preparation – “*what kind of men we proved...*”

Remember...

Your responsibility, by God’s enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; Jam 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

How can I accomplish this change?

What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

II. THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE GOSPEL – vv. 6-7

- Their Conversion – v. 6a – *“And you became imitators of us and of the Lord”* – *“mimētai”* – *mimic*
- Their Commitment – v. 6b – *“for you received the word in much affliction”* – *“thlipsis”*
- Their Consolation – v. 6c – *“with the joy of the Holy Spirit”*
- Their Communication – v. 7 – *“so that you became an example to all the believers”*

III. THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL – v. 8

- It was Shared – v. 8a – *“word of the Lord sounded forth from you”*
- It was Spread – v. 8b – *“in Macedonia and Achaia”*
- It was Sufficient – v. 8c – *“we need not say anything.”*

IV. THE ASSURANCE OF THE GOSPEL – v. 9

- The Testimony – v. 9a – *“For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you”*
- The Triumph – v. 9b – *“how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God”* – *“epistrepho”*

V. THE ANTICIPATION OF THE GOSPEL – v. 10

- The Expectation – v. 10a – *“and to wait for his Son from heaven”* – *“anameno”*
- The Resurrection – v. 10a – *“whom he raised from the dead”*
- The Justification – v. 10c – *“Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.”* – *“rhuomai”*