

Text: I Thessalonians 1:1-10

Title: Good News That Changes Everything

Major points:

Thanks to God.

Thanks for how they received the Gospel.

Thanks for the example they became.

Quote 1

Matthew 24:9-12 – *“Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name’s sake. And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold.”*

Quote 2

“Endurance becomes the ability to remain steadfast and persevere in the face of suffering or temptation...The hope they held was not some vague expectation of a better future (now), but rather solid confidence rooted in the expectation of Christ’s coming. -Gene Green (from *The Letters To The Thessalonians*)

Quote 3

“The Gospel creates the church and the church spreads the Gospel.” -John Stott

Quote 4

“When a group of Christians faces trials with joyous faith, unbelievers take notice because it is an amazing exception to the way the unbelieving world faces suffering. Such faithful living shows the supernatural power of God.” -G.K. Beale (from *1-2 Thessalonians*)