

THE GOSPEL AND THE THESSALONIANS
I THESS. 1:5-8

Introduction:

- A. People receive news in different ways.
 - 1. Some scoff.
 - 2. Some mock and curse.
 - 3. Some are angered and they kill.
 - 4. Some receive it as God's Word. 2:13

- B. Paul did not fear the world!

I. HOW THE GOSPEL CAME TO THE THESSALONIANS.

- A. It came by man.
 - 1. Paul calls it "our gospel." v5
 - 2. Romans 10:15.
 - 3. Gal. 1:6.

- B. It came by word.
 - 1. The gospel is words.
 - 2. The most beautiful words.

- C. It came in power. [dunamis]
 - 1. The gospel is most powerful words in the world.
 - a. What can do as much?
Gettysburg Address.
Declaration of Independence.

- D. It came in the Holy Spirit.
 - 1. Gospel is always accompanied by the Holy Spirit.
 - 2. John 16:7-11.

- E. It came in much assurance.
 - 1. plarophria = full conviction, perfect certitude in full measure.

II. WHAT THE GOSPEL DID FOR THE THESSALONIANS.

- A. It made them followers. v6.
 - 1. They followed Paul and Timothy.
 - 2. They followed Jesus.

- B. It made them rejoice. v6
 - 1. They rejoiced in their affliction.
 - 2. affliction = thchibo = threshing.
 - 3. Jesus knew. Matt. 13: 19-21.

- C. It made them examples. v7
 - 1. [tupos =] That which forms a pattern or model.

- D. It made them witnesses. v8
 - 1. "to sound out."
 - 2. Has in it the idea of turmoil.

III. THE GOSPEL AND YOU.

- A. You should hear the gospel.
 - 1. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

- B. You should receive the gospel.
 - 1. As the Thessalonians did.

- C. You should follow Christ.