

HE'S COMING BACK – PART I
“The Power of the Gospel”
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

When the gospel came to Thessalonica those who believed experienced a radical transformation, but how do we know that? Paul points out the characteristics of their transformation which demonstrates the sheer power of the gospel. When people meet Jesus, and are genuinely born again they are never the same, proving that God has chosen them to be one of his. This morning's message will explore the transformative power of the gospel.

#1. THE CHURCH OF THE THESSALONIANS, v. 1

- A. Paul, Silas and Timothy – the founders (Paul's 2nd mission)
- B. Paul strategically went to urban centers - Thessalonica
- C. Placed spiritually in the Father & the Lord Jesus Christ
- D. Paul extends Grace & Peace

#2. PAUL THANKS GOD FOR THEM IN PRAYER, vv. 2-3

- A. Paul continually thanks God for them, v. 2
- B. Paul recalls their work produced by faith (*ergon*), v. 3
- C. Paul recalls their labor prompted by love (*karpos*), v. 3
- D. Paul recalls their endurance inspired by hope, v. 3

#3. PAUL CITES EVIDENCE TO PROVE GOD CHOSE THEM FOR SALVATION, vv. 4-10

- A. Believer's in Christ are called the _____ or chosen, v. 4

- B. Evidence – the gospel came through Paul & co. with _____ power, and deep conviction, v. 5

- C. Evidence – they began to _____ Paul (and his team) and the Lord, v. 6

- D. Evidence – they received the gospel with _____ joy during suffering, v. 6

- E. Evidence – they became a _____ for the other churches in Macedonia and Achaia, v. 7

- F. Evidence – they were committed to _____ the gospel, v. 8

- G. Evidence – they turned away from _____ to serve the living & true God, v. 9

- H. Evidence – they are waiting for Jesus to _____ and _____ them from the coming wrath, v. 10

NOTES:

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- #1. Have you ever known someone that proclaimed allegiance to Jesus, but after a time lost all interest in following him? Explain.
- #2. What does it mean to be elect or chosen by God for salvation?
- #3. Discuss the events that brought Paul to Thessalonica to plant the church.
- #4. How long was Paul there before he was run out of town?
- #5. What concerns did Paul have for them being alone without a pastor after he had to leave?
- #6. Why is the triad of faith, love and hope important for the believer to display?
- #7. Does the power of the gospel depend on the eloquence of the speaker? Why or why not?
- #8. Discuss each of the points of evidence in point 3.
- #9. What is your takeaway from this teaching?

Welcome

to

Hillcrest Church!

*Love, Acceptance And
Forgiveness!*

*They tell us how you turned to God from idols to
serve the living and true God, and
to wait for his Son from heaven*

I Thessalonians 1:9-10

July 17, 2022

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

Pastor Bruce is beginning a new teaching series through 1 Thessalonians titled "He's Coming Back." It is a great book of the Bible to study and will enrich your soul!

NEXT WEEK

Pastor Bruce will continue his teaching series through 1 Thessalonians.

BBQ AFTER CHURCH AT BRUCE'S HOUSE – July 31th

Everyone is invited to pastor Bruce's house after church for some food and fellowship. Bring a dish to share if you like, but it isn't required. 1961 Ambridge Dr., Roseville

ONLINE GATHERINGS

Tuesday Prayer at 7:00pm

Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30pm

Go to the online meeting room on our website (hillcrestRoseville.com) to access the gathering.

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CHURCH PICNIC AUGUST 14th

Church in the park at Garbolino. The church will provide meat, buns, condiments, water, and paper products. Everyone else can bring a dish to share. It will be a blast.