

The Power of the Gospel

Lesson 15: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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2nd Missionary Journey

- Antioch
- Syria region
- Cilicia region
- Derbe
- Lystra
- Phrygian region
- Galatian region
- Mysia region
- Troas
- Neapolis
- Philippi
- Amphipolis
- Apollonia
- **Thessalonica**
- Berea
- Athens
- Corinth
- Cenchrea
- Ephesus
- Caesarea
- Antioch





Themes

- What they know – 1:5, 2:1, 2:2, 2:5, 2:9, 2:11, 3:3, 3:4, 4:1, 4:2, 5:2
- The Gospel – 1:5, 2:2, 2:4, 2:8, 2:9, 3:2
- Suffering – 1:6, 2:2, 2:14, 3:3-4, 3:7
- Work – 1:3, 2:9, 4:11
- God's will – 4:3, 5:18

	1:3	1:8	2:19	3:2	3:5	3:6	3:7	3:10	3:12	4:13	5:8	5:13
Faith	x	x		x	x	x	x	x			x	
Love	x					x			x		x	x
Hope	x		x							x	x	

Verbal Outline

- Chapter 1
 - He/it (36%) – Gospel, word of the Lord, their faith, God
- Chapter 2
 - **We** (39%) – Paul, Silas, and Timothy
 - **You** (plural) (36%) – the Thessalonians
- Chapter 3
 - **We** (48%) – Paul, Silas, and Timothy; all believers
- Chapter 4
 - **We** (39%) – Paul, Silas, and Timothy (1-13, 15); all believers (14, 15, 17)
 - **You** (plural) (33%) – the Thessalonians
- Chapter 5
 - **You** (plural) (51%) – the Thessalonians

Outline of the Letter

- 1:1-4 Introduction
- 1:5-3:13 Gospel ministry (**Faith**)
 - 1:5-10 The Gospel among the Thessalonians
 - 2:1-16 Gospel ministry by Paul
 - 2:17-3:13 Mutual love in the Gospel
- 4:1-5:22 Godly living (Love and Hope)
 - 4:1-12 Living to please God (**Love**)
 - 4:1-8 Love for God: Sanctification
 - 4:9-12 Love for believers
 - 4:13-5:11 The coming of the Lord (**Hope**)
 - 4:13-18 The coming of the Lord for believers
 - 5:1-11 The day of the Lord for unbelievers
 - 5:12-22 Exhortations (**Love**)
- 5:23-28 Conclusion

Lesson Outline

- 1:1-4
 - 1:1 Introduction
 - 1:2-4 Author and recipients
Thanksgiving
- 1:5-3:13
 - 1:5-10 Gospel ministry (Faith)
The gospel among the Thessalonians
 - 1:5 The coming of the gospel
 - 1:6-10 The response to the gospel

Introduction

1 Thessalonians 1:1-4

¹Paul and Silvanus and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

²We give thanks to God always for all of you, making mention *of you* in our prayers;

³constantly bearing in mind your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father, ⁴knowing, brethren beloved by God, *His* choice of you;

- We have much reason to give thanks for fellow believers
 - Faith that works
 - Love that labors
 - Hope that is steadfast
 - God's love and choice

Gospel Ministry

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

⁵for our gospel did not come to you **in word** only, but also **in power** and **in** the Holy Spirit and **with** full conviction; just as you know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶You also became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the **word** in much tribulation with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the **word** of the Lord has sounded forth from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith toward God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything. ⁹For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.

- The gospel came
 - In word
 - In power
 - In the Holy Spirit
 - With (in) full conviction
- Examples and messengers
- Purposes in turning to God
 - To serve Him
 - To wait for Christ's return

Summary

- We are to thank God for other believers
- To be effective, the Gospel must come with more than words
- We can have the joy of the Holy Spirit even in tribulation
- Turning to God implies serving and waiting for Christ's return