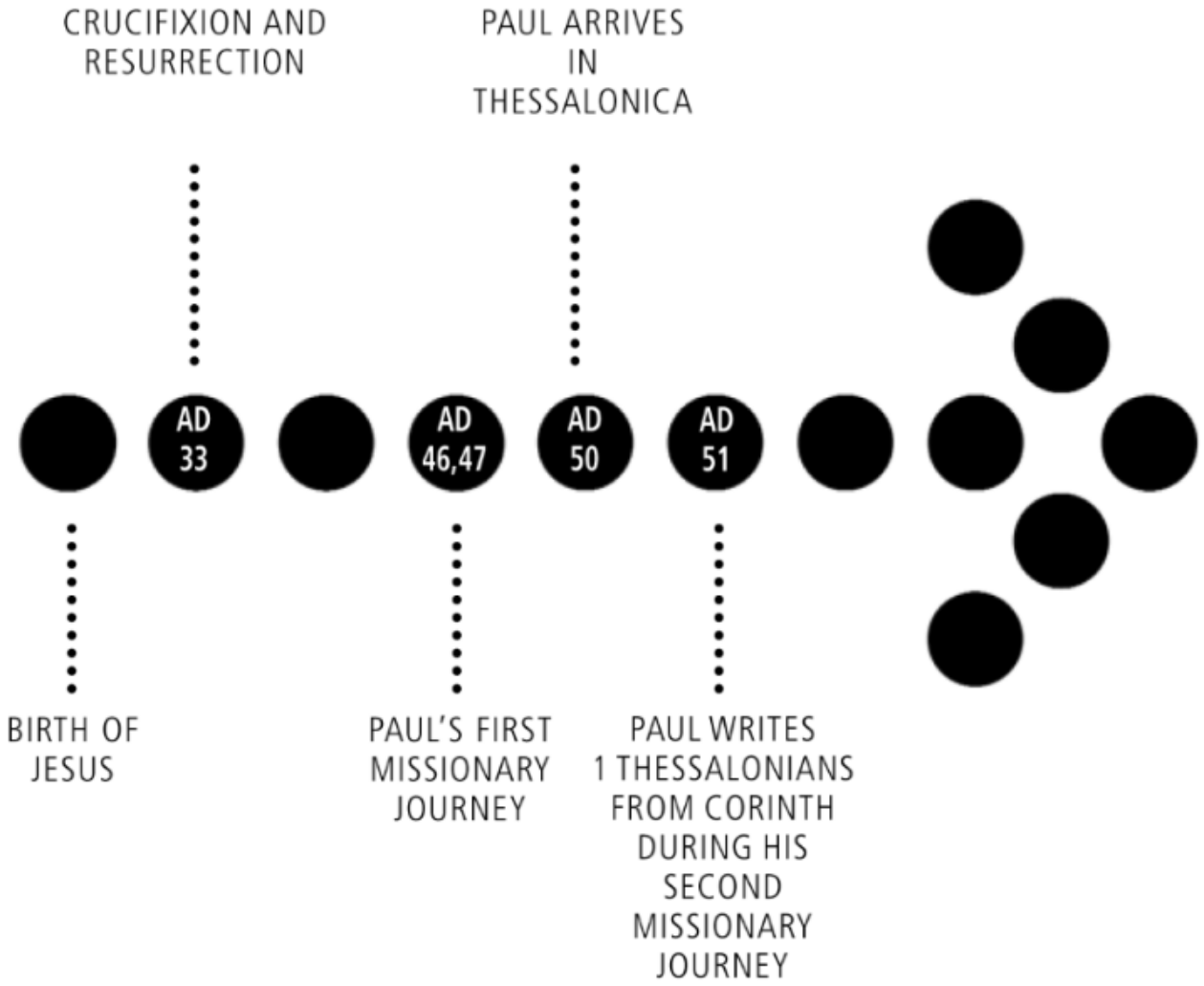




1 & 2 Thessalonians (Lesson # 3)

Gospel Came in Power & in the Holy Spirit 1 Thess 1:5-7





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1 Thessalonians 1:5-7 in a Chapter 1 Outline

Turning to God from Idols

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Outline is adapted from Chester McCalley's Commentary on I & II Thessalonians, available here: <http://www.WordOfTruthKC.org>



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* ¹ **Paul** and **Silvanus** and **Timothy**, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

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

³ constantly **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,

⁴ **knowing**, brethren beloved by God, *His* choice of you;

Note: This thanksgiving to God was for all of them, based on knowing 1 their work out of faith, 2 their labor out of love, and 3 their steadfastness out of hope and knowing the facts that 4 God loved and 5 chose them.



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⁶ You also became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much tribulation with the joy of the Holy Spirit,

⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.



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* ⁸ **for** 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.

⁹ **for** 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,

¹⁰ **and** to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *that is* Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.

you turned to God in Faith,
you are serving God in Love,
you are waiting for His Son in Confident Hope



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Note: ^{*1:10} you are waiting for His Son in **Confident Hope** is 2 times in ch 1 v2 & 10 plus 4 more times in this letter

^{*2:19} ...in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming

^{*3:13} ...so that He may establish your hearts without blame in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

^{*4:16} ...For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven ...and the dead in Christ will rise first.¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air...

^{*5:23} Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.²⁴ Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass...



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Text of verses 5-7 in an outline of chapter 1

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1. Because of How God's Word Came to Them 1:5

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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.>>ch 2

2. Because of How God's Word Was Received by Them 1:6

⁶ You also became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word
in much tribulation with the joy of the Holy Spirit,

3. Because of How God's Word Was handled by Them 1:7-8

a. It Was Reproduced Locally 1:7

⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in
Achaia.

b. It Was Reproduced Universally 1:8

4. Because of the Way God's Word Had Affected Them 1:9-10



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1. Because of How God's Word Came to Them 1:5

*5 **for our gospel did not come to you in word only,**

ὅτι [conj ὅτι] Friberg, because, since, **for** this reason, points to conclusion
 the action verb in v2 “we give thanks” is the basis for this conclusion
 τὸ εὐαγγέλιον [art + n nom neut sing, εὐαγγέλιον] gospel, **the good news**
 ἡμῶν [pro gen pl, ἐγώ] **our**, of us
 οὐκ ἐγενήθη [particle, οὐ + v ind aor pass 3p sing, γίνομαι] **did not come**
 εἰς [prep, εἰς] with acc Friberg (2) denoting direction **to**
 ὑμᾶς [pro acc pl, ἐγώ] plural **you**
 ἐν λόγῳ [prep + n dat masc sing, λόγος] dative of means, **by word**
 μόνον, [adv, μόνον] alone, **only** but NO entry in Friberg, Gingrich, Danker

**** My literal translation**

for our gospel did not come to you by word only



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*5 for our gospel did not come to you in word only,
but **also** in power **and** in the Holy Spirit **and** with full conviction

ἀλλὰ [conj, ἀλλά] **but**, except
καὶ [conj, καί] and, even, **also**
ἐν δυνάμει, [prep+n dat fem sing, δύναμις] in power
καὶ [conj, καί] **and**, even, also
ἐν πνεύματι ἁγίῳ, [prep+n+n dat neut sing, πνεῦμα ἅγιος] by Spirit Holy
καὶ [conj, καί] **and**, even, also
ἐν πληροφορίᾳ πολλῇ, [prep+n+adj dat fem sing, πληροφορία πολὺς]
Friberg: full assurance, with complete certainty, full confidence

** My literal translation

but also in power and by *the Spirit Holy* and with complete certainty



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know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.>>ch 2

καθὼς [conj, καθώς] as, **just as**

οἴδατε [v ind perf act 2p pl, εἶδῶ] Friberg says “this is the perfect of the
obsolete εἶδω (see)” meaning: “strictly *have seen*; hence *know*” **you know**

οἳοι [pro nom masc pl, οἷος] such as, what sort of men, **what kind of men**

ἐγενήθημεν [v ind aor pass 1p pl, γίνομαι] **we were made to be**

ἐν ὑμῖν [prep+pro dat pl, σύ] in, with, **among you**

δι’ [prep διά] Friberg: with the accusative; (2) causal, to indicate a reason *on*
account of, because of, for the sake of

ὑμᾶς. [pro acc pl, σύ] **you**

**** My literal translation**

**just as you know what kind of men we were made to be among you for the
sake of you**



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2. Because of How God's Word Was Received by Them 1:6

*6 **You also** became **imitators** of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much tribulation with the joy of the Holy Spirit,

καὶ [conj, καί] and, even, **also**

ὑμεῖς [pro nom pl, σύ] **you**

μιμηταὶ [n nom masc pl, μιμητής] **imitators**, followers, mimickers

ἡμῶν [pro gen pl, ἐγώ] **of us** (objective genitive)

ἐγενήθητε [v ind aor pass 2p pl, γίνομαι] **you were made to be**

καὶ [conj, καί] **and**, even, also

τοῦ κυρίου, [art+n gen masc sing, κύριος] **of the Lord** (objective genitive)

** My literal translation

also you imitators of us you were made to be and of the Lord



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*6 You also became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much tribulation with the joy of the Holy Spirit,

δεξάμενοι [part aor mid nom masc pl, δέχομαι] Friberg: as assenting to God's message receive, accept, believe **having received**

τὸν λόγον [art+n acc masc sing, λόγος] Friberg: of the content of the gospel *word, message* **the word**

ἐν θλίψει [prep+n dat fem sing, θλίψις] Friberg: in the NT, suffering brought on by outward circumstances *affliction, oppression, trouble* **in tribulation**

πολλῇ [adj dat fem sing, πολύς] with sing noun **much**, large, great

μετὰ χαρᾶς [prep+n gen fem sing, χαρά] **with joy**, delight

πνεύματος [n gen neut sing, πνεῦμα] **of the Spirit** (subjective genitive)

ἁγίου, [adj gen neut sing, ἅγιος] **Holy**, set apart, Friberg: the Spirit of God

**** My literal translation**

having received the word in tribulation much with joy of the Spirit Holy



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3. Because of How God's Word Was handled by Them 1:7-8

a. It Was Reproduced Locally 1:7

*7 **so that you became an example** to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

ὥστε [conj, ὥστε] **so that**

γενέσθαι [v inf aor mid, γίνομαι] Friberg: (4) of persons or things that enter into a new condition *become* something **became**; Danker: turn out or prove to be

ὑμᾶς [pro acc pl, σύ] **you**

τύπους [n acc masc pl, τύπος] blow mark, trace, pattern, model, **examples**

πᾶσιν τοῖς [adj+art dat masc pl, πᾶς ὁ] **to all those**

πιστεύουσιν [part pres act dat masc pl, πιστεύω] **believing**,

ἐν τῇ Μακεδονίᾳ [prep+art+n dat fem sing, Μακεδονία] **in the Macedonia**

καὶ [conj, καί] **and**, even, also]

τῇ Ἀχαΐᾳ. [art+n dat fem sing, Ἀχαΐα] **the Achaia**

**** My literal translation**

so that became you examples to all those believing in the Macedonia and the Achaia



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⁵ For our gospel did not come to you by word only but also in power and by *the Spirit Holy* and with complete certainty just as you know what kind of men we were made to be among you for the sake of you

⁶ also you imitators of us you were made to be and of the Lord having received the word in tribulation much with joy of *the Spirit Holy*

⁷ so that became you examples to all those believing in the Macedonia and the Achaia

*** Wuest's expanded translation

⁵ inasmuch as our message of good news came to you not only in the form of discourse but also in the sphere of power and of the Holy Spirit and in much certainty and assurance, even as you know positively what sort of men we showed ourselves to be among you for your sakes.

⁶ And as for you, you became imitators of us and of the Lord, having welcomed the Word while under much pressure of affliction which [act of welcoming] was accompanied by joy that had its source in the Holy Spirit,

⁷ so that you became a pattern to all those who are believers in Macedonia and in Achaia



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A Small Overview

Chester McCalley wrote in his Commentary on I & II Thessalonians

**The first three chapters are a detailed exposition of the words
“how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God.”**

The entire book may be divided into two parts.

**First, the Thessalonians are reminded of
how they had received the word of God (1:1-3:13).**

**Second, they are told of
how they must live the word of God (4:1-5:28).**



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Observations from 1 Thessalonians 1:5

- The word “for” gives us the 1st object of the previous action word (verb), and in this case it is “we give thanks” back in v2, they were thankful **because of how God’s word came to them**
 - * v2 **we give thanks** to God always for all of you... v5 **for** our gospel did not come to you in word only
- The words “our gospel” tell us this “good news” was personally given by all three who wrote this letter, Paul, Silvanus, & Timothy
 - * v5 for **our gospel** did not come to you in word only
- The “good news” presented did not come as words alone communicated by men.
 - * v5 for our gospel **did not come to you in word only**
- The “good news” presented did come as words communicated with the power of God the Holy Spirit and the speakers complete certainty
 - * v5 for our gospel did not come to you in word only **but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction;**
- The “complete certainty” of the presenters was known by seeing the speakers made to give freely this good news for the hearer’s benefit.
 - * v5 for 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.**



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Observations from 1 Thessalonians 1:6

- The words “you also” gives us the 2nd object of the previous action word (verb), “we give thanks” back in v2, they also were thankful **because of how God’s word was received by them**
 - * v2 **we give thanks**... v6 **you also** became imitators of us and of the Lord,
- The words “became imitators” tell us those who believed the good news were made into imitators of the messengers and of the Lord.
 - * v6 you also **became imitators of us and of the Lord**,
- These believers were made into imitators just like the messengers were made into gospel givers for the benefit of all who believe.
 - * v6 you also **became imitators of us and of the Lord**, v5 you know **what kind of men we proved to be** among you for your sake.
- The “having received” shows the reason they were made imitators, they received the good news by faith, believing, depending on it.
 - * V6 you also became imitators of us and of the Lord, **having received the word**
- This belief was total dependance upon God, so that even in much tribulation they enjoyed the harmony of joy from the Holy Spirit
 - * V6 you also became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word **in much tribulation with the joy of the Holy Spirit**



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Observations from 1 Thessalonians 1:7

- The words “so that” gives us the 3rd object of the previous action word (verb), “we give thanks” back in v2, they also were thankful **because of how God’s word was handled by them**
 - * v2 **we give thanks** to God always for all of you... v7 **so that** you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.
- The words “became an example” tell us those who believed the good news were changed into an example
 - * v7 so that **you became an example** to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.
- The words “to all” tell us those who believed the good news were **changed** into an example for all believers locally in two provinces
 - * v7 so that you became an example **to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.**

Note:

Thessalonica was the capital city of the province Macedonia

Corinth was the capital city of the province Achaia



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Here is God's "good news" message and its power

- * **1 Cor 15:3-4** For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that **Christ died for our sins** according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that **He was buried**, and that **He was raised on the third day** according to the Scriptures,
- * **1 Cor 1:18 & 21** For **the word of the cross** is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it **is the power of God**...
21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not *come to know* God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.
- **Christ's work of dying on the cross paid the death penalty for all our sin.**
- **His death was verified by his body being buried in a tomb.**
- **His death has been accepted as payment in full for our sin because He has been raised from that one death to everlasting life.**



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Here are some examples of

“while in much tribulation, harmonizing with joy from the Holy Spirit”

- * Jn 4:14, “but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life”.
- The word ‘well’ is same as in 2 Pt 2:17, πηγή ‘fountain’.

- * Jn 7:38-39 “He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water. But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet *given*, because Jesus was not yet glorified.”
- ‘Innermost being’ is a description of our ‘heart’, the essence of who we are. We and whoever drinks or trusts the water Christ Jesus has given, are now fountains of God’s ‘living water of life’.



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Here is another example of

“while in much tribulation, harmonizing with joy from the Holy Spirit”

- * Jn 16:12-15 “I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. ¹³ "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose *it* to you. ¹⁵ All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose *it* to you.”
- God the Son, gave us God the Holy Spirit to share His living water, the things of the Father & Christ, to and through us.
- So it is God who is using us as His own fountains of these things of God, the ‘living water of life’.



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**Here is an exhortation to fix our eyes on the example of our Lord,
Who saw the harmonious joy “set before Him”,
and gave Himself as the perfect sacrifice for our sins.**

*** Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,**

² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

³ For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

⁴ You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin;