

1st Thessalonians
Chapter 1:2-10 – Lesson 2
“The Gospel Came...”

“Paul did not rely on human eloquence of charisma to preach the gospel to the hearts of the people, but he trusted in the power of the Holy Spirit. What a blessing for those who share God’s Word to know their ministry is not dependent upon our great communicative skills, giftedness, or intellectual prowess but on the Spirit of God who translates the Word of God into a life changing impact. There is power in God’s Word. Power to convince, convict, correct and comfort. The Word of God is capable of accomplishing more than we ever could on our own. Praise the Lord for the message we proclaim and the gift of the power of the Holy Spirit.”

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1. Verses 2-4:

- a. What three things did Paul remember in prayer for the Thessalonian church?

- b. What do you think Paul is referring to here in these three behaviors?

- c. How is “knowing your (their) election” in **verse 4** connected to Paul’s thankfulness in **verse 2**, and the behavior Paul documented in **verse 3** of the Thessalonian church?

- d. Did **verse 3** precipitate out **verse 4**; or did **verse 4** precipitate out **verse 3**? Explain.

2. Verses 5-7:

- a. What do you think “the word” is referring to in **verses 5 and 6** (to date, only Matthew, James, and Galatians were written of the New Testament)?
- b. What accompanies the Gospel when it is given out according to **verse 5**?
- c. What accompanies “receiving the word” as seen in **verses 6 and 7**?
- d. The answers to b) and c) above, has this been your experience?

3. Verse 8-10:

- a. How does 1 Thessalonians 2:13 capture the essence of what Paul is saying in **verses 8 and 9**?
- b. After your conversion to Christ, did you experience, or are you experiencing a similar result (to that of the Thessalonians) we read of in **verses 8 and 9**? Why or why not?
- c. How is **verse 10** related to **verse 3** earlier in the chapter?
- d. How does **verse 10** impact you and your walk?

For this reason, we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.
(1 Thessalonians 2:13)