

CALVARY CHAPEL SOUTH BAY  
**MEN OF THE WORD**  
MEN'S MINISTRY  
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**1 Thessalonians - "The Coming of the Lord"**

**Session 2**

**1 Thessalonians 1:6-10**

**"Becoming examples of faith"**

The nature of the gospel, when it plants its roots deep within us, is that the fruit it produces must be shared with others. The light of eternal life is not to be hidden under a bushel basket (Matthew 5:14-16). This is the next thing Paul is thankful for and acknowledges about the Thessalonians; the expression of their "work of faith" and "labor of love" (v.3). They shared the gospel, both in word and in deed. They were "examples" to others by their changed lives, and in the sounding forth of the gospel that saved and changed them. If you have received the gift of eternal life through God's grace, are you living it out boldly like the Thessalonians; being an example of faith in Jesus by what you say and do? Let the Thessalonians example of faith, hope, and love inspire you to become bolder in the gospel to those around you.

**Personal Study Time Questions:**

**Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 1:6**

What did the Thessalonians 'become' once they received the gospel in power and the Holy Spirit (as v.5 says)? What was the result of what they "became"?

**Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:1**

It is helpful to have examples of faith to follow; but though Paul says the Thessalonians followed him as well as the Lord, what caution does he give to the Corinthians that would also apply to the church at Thessalonica; and to us also so that we do not become man-followers?

**Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 1:7**

What was the result of them following the Lord, and also Paul's example of faith in Christ?

**Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 1:8**

What example did the Thessalonians set for those "in Macedonia and Achaia" as well as to others?

**Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10; Ephesians 5:8**

One of the ways we are an example is simply the change the gospel makes in how we once lived to how we now live. What was the dramatic change that happened in the lives of the Thessalonians from v.9b to v.10? How does the Ephesians passage describe this dramatic change?

**Group Discussion:**

From this week's passage we see that we need to have examples to follow, as well as be examples for others. What example are you setting for those around you; your family, friends, neighbor's, or coworkers? Do you have godly men in your life that set an example for you? What examples does the Thessalonian church set in this passage that would be profitable for you to know and follow?

**Hiding God's Word in your heart (Ps. 119:11):**

"And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe."

1 Thessalonians 1:6-7