

I Thess. 1:4 – 10 THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

- 1) Brothers and sisters - _____
- 2) Loved by God (cf. Col. 3:12 - _____ loved!)
- 3) Chosen by God. Joel 2:32; John 3:16; Acts 2:21; II Peter 3:9; Rev. 3:20 YOU are a “whosoever”!
You become “chosen” when you respond! What has He chosen us for? Eph. 1:4; Rom. 8:29

I. OUR GOSPEL CAME TO YOU – v. 5

A. With _____ – words matter. Be _____!
AM I ABLE TO COMMUNICATE THE GOSPEL CLEARLY?

B. With _____ I Cor. 2:4,5: ⁴My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power, ⁵so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God’s power.

C. With the Holy Spirit *HOW DO I DEMONSTRATE MY DEPENDENCE ON THE HOLY SPIRIT? PRAY AND LISTEN/OBEY!*

D. Deep conviction - Rom. 1:16 “I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ – it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes...” *AM I CONFIDENT IN THE GOSPEL?*

E. Backed by example *DOES MY _____ BACK UP MY TALK?*

Hearing the Gospel isn’t enough – we must _____.

II. YOU WELCOMED THE MESSAGE – v. 6

A. v. 6 Welcomed the message *AM I PAYING ATTENTION TO GOD’S WORD?* The test of paying attention: _____!

B. In spite of _____ *DO I STAY FOCUSED ON GOD DURING HARD TIMES?*

C. Joy of the Holy Spirit. *CAN PEOPLE SEE _____ IN ME IN THE BAD TIMES?*

D. Demonstrated by a lifestyle change

E. They became a _____ to others – v.7
DOES MY LIFE SHOW I’VE BEEN CHANGED BY GOD?

III. THE LORD’S MESSAGE RANG OUT FROM YOU – v. 8

DO I TELL OTHERS WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR ME?

A. v. 9b, 10 – You turned from idols *HAVE I MADE A CLEAN BREAK FROM SIN?*

B. To _____ *AM I GOD’S SLAVE, OR DO I THINK HE IS MY SLAVE?*

C. To wait for His Son from Heaven *AM I WORKING WHILE I’M WAITING?*

