

With The Master In View of His Return  
Lesson 3 - The Amazing Gospel! - 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

1. (a) Read 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 making note of each time the terms word or gospel are used. What do you notice that is associated with these terms? (b) Also make note of each mention of *God, Jesus, Lord, Father* and *Holy Spirit* and what is associated with each. (c) What are the benefits of making these observations in God's Word?

2. Memorize 1Thessalonians 1:6.

3. (a) Paul states that the Thessalonians "became followers of them." (1 Thessalonians 1:6) This means that the Thessalonians patterned their lives after Paul, Silvanus and Timothy. Read over 1 Thessalonians and make note of the many ways that Paul's life would have been a pattern for them to follow. (b) What areas of your life are worthy of emulating? (c) What areas do you need help in so that you can say with Paul, "Follow me as I follow Christ"? (d) What will you do about it?

4. (a) Read Acts 17 and write down the afflictions that Paul and his companions received because of the gospel proclaimed at Thessalonica. (b) What are some possible afflictions (persecutions) you might receive for proclaiming the gospel? (c) Why should we have joy in our afflictions that we suffer for Christ? See Acts 5:40-42.

5. (a) Looking again at Acts 17, what happened to Paul when he saw idolatry? See verse 16. (b) How does Paul contrast idols with the living God in verses 22-34? (c) Do you think an idol can be something other than a statue that is worshipped? See Ezekiel 14:1-8. (d) What are some common idols that women have? (e) What should be our mindset as believers regarding idols? See Exodus 20:3-6 and 1 John 5:21. (f) Extra-Search the Scriptures to see what else the Word says about idols. (Some ideas: Jeremiah 10:1-18, Isaiah 40 and 41) Write down your discoveries.

6. (a) Do you proclaim the gospel with power? (b) Are you eagerly sharing your faith? (c) Have you turned away from all idolatry? (d) Are you serving the Lord faithfully while you eagerly wait for His return?

7. As you reflect on question number 6, what is your prayer request?