

Sun Morning

THIS SIDE UP

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Text: Acts 17:1-7

"Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews: 2 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures, 3 Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ. 4 And some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few. 5 But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people. 6 And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also; 7 Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, one Jesus." (Acts 17:1-7)

INTRODUCTION

- a. Paul on 3rd Missionary journey
- b. Paul testifying that Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ, the Messiah
- mixed audience of Jews & Gentiles
- c. Paul & Silas on journey from Philippi to Thessalonica
- d. Gospel given to the Jew first & also to the Greek (Rom 1:16)

1. LIVE ON Mission (v. 1-2)

- A. Paul was Spirit led (Acts 16: ~~6-10~~ ⁶⁻¹⁰)

Quote: "The steps of a man of God are ordered by the Lord, but so are the stops." — Warren Wiersbe

- B. Paul was strategic (in big cities)
- C. Paul was selfless

"With truth comes responsibility"
"Live in truth"

2. SPEAK TRUTH

INTO Culture (v. 3)

A. Courageous - reasoned with Scripture

"we were bold in our God to speak unto you"
(1 Thessalonians 2:2-4)

B. Compelling (v. 2-3) Jesus is the Christ

Quote: "Visit many good books, but live in the Bible."
-C.H. Spurgeon "Search the Scriptures" (Jn 5:39)

C. Compassionate - action with love

"But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children: So being affectionately desirous of you,"
(1 Thessalonians 2:7-8)

D. Clear - simple gospel message (v. 3)

"For neither at any time used we flattering words..."
(1 Thessalonians 2:5)

Quote: "Our job is to communicate the gospel as clearly, graciously, and persuasively as possible. God's job is to take it from there." -Greg Koukl

E. Christ - Centered (v. 3) - 1 Cor 15:3-7

"Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself." (Luke 24:26-27)

F. Credible - live with good works & attitudes

"...how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe." (1 Thessalonians 2:10)

3. EXPECT A Reaction (v. 4-6)

A. Some received (v. 4)

"And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost."
(1 Thessalonians 1:6)

"...when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God," (1 Thessalonians 2:13)

B. Others rejected (v. 5) - those who do not believe

4. MAKE JESUS YOUR

ULTIMATE Authority (v. 7) - ^{highest}
^{higher}
^{authority}

A. Submit to authority - governments

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God:" (Romans 13:1)

B. Serve Jesus

"That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory." (1 Thess 2:12)

- see Acts 4:13, 19-20

CONCLUSION

- these who have turned the world upside down
- Acts 5:29 we ought to obey God rather than me

