

To Seek & To Save In Faith - Part 1

(Acts 17:1-9; I Thessalonians 1)

INTRODUCTION: Thessalonica, today called Solanica, was located on the Roman road between Rome and Constantinople. It was a city of 200,000. In the book of Acts, we just read of the birth of this church.

- The Lord Provides Direction – through His Word
- Leadership Provides A Pattern – through His Word
- Shared Biblical Convictions Provide Movement
- Consistent Obedience Provides Victory

I. THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

A. WORK OF FAITH (I THESSALONIANS 1:3)

Hebrews 11:6, "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

II Corinthians 5:7, "For we walk by faith, not by sight:"

James 2:18, "Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works."

B. LABOR OF LOVE (I THESSALONIANS 1:3)

"True love always labors!" – Dr. Paul Chappell

I Corinthians 3:9, "We are laborers together with God!"

Matthew 9:38, "Pray ye therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers!"

II. THE WALK OF THE CHURCH (1:5-6)

A. THEY FOLLOWED THE SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

Hebrews 13:7, "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation."

B. THEY FOLLOWED THE LORD

Hebrews 12:2, "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

III. THE WITNESS OF THE CHURCH (I THESSALONIANS 1:7-10)

A. THEY SOUNDED OUT THE WORD OF THE LORD

Romans 10:14, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?"

B. THERE WERE CHANGED LIVES (I THESSALONIANS 1:9-10)

1. Turned to God - Salvation
2. Turned from Idols - Separation
3. Turned to Serve the Living and True God! - Service

II Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new."