



THE CHURCH IS A MEGAPHONE, NOT AN ECHO CHAMBER

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Matthew 28:18-20 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you. ²We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. ³We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction.

- As disciples of Jesus sharing the gospel message, we should expect powerful _____ from God.

AN IMITATING OF THE GOSPEL

1 Thessalonians 1:5-6 You know how we lived among you for your sake. ⁶You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.

- Disciples of Jesus are people who strive to imitate the Lord in _____.

A HERALDING OF THE GOSPEL

1 Thessalonians 1:7-10 ⁷And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. ⁸The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia - your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, ⁹for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead - Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

- God has called us to make the faith _____ to everyone.

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