

▼ **The Gospel Takes Root - Part 4**

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- **Read the Passage: 1Thessalonians 1:1-10**

▶ **What happened? - The Gospel took root in Thessalonica!**

▼ **Why did it happen?**

- ▼ Paul and his team shared good news (i.e. the gospel) NOT good advice.

- ▼ Good news:

- ▼ Something has happened that is worth telling:

- What has happened takes place in the context of a longer story.
- As a result of what has happened, everything is different.

- ▶ Examples

- ▼ The Gospel

- ▼ The Kingdom of God is here! - Mark 1:14-15

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- ▶ Believe

- ▼ Good News

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- ▼ Judging - American context or Hebrew context?

- American context: judiciary separate from legislative and executive.
- Hebrew context: Judges lead/rescue the nation and implement justice - Judges 2:6-19; 3:7-11; 4:1-8; 10:1-5; 12:8-15
- Justice is God’s aim. Is it yours? If so, the gospel is good news for you!

- ▼ Grace & Peace: Romans 1:7; 1Corinthians 1:3; 2Corinthians 1:2; Galatians 1:3; Ephesians 1:2; Philippians 1:2; Colossians 1:2; 1Thessalonians 1:2; 2Thessalonians 1:2; 1Timothy 1:2; 2Timothy 1:2; Titus 1:4; Philemon 3; 1Peter 1:2; 2Peter 1:2; 2John 3

- Grace: The empowering presence of God that enables you to be whom he calls you to be and to do what he calls you to do.
- Peace: Echoes of “shalom”. Wellbeing and right relationship with God and with others.

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- ▶ Grace & Peace:

▼ **Prepare yourself to share the gospel effectively! - Acts 16:6 - 17:15**

- Let God set the agenda; He makes the “waves”. - Acts 16:6-10
- Look for an opening. - Acts 16:11-15

▼ **How Do You Share It?**

- Know the good news.
- Know the back story.
- ▶ Understand the implications for your audience.

▼ **Discussion / Reflection Questions:**

- Discuss your experience conducting the interviews this past week.
- Discuss your plans for your next set of interviews.

▼ **Homework for this week:**

- If you haven’t yet done your interviews, plan to do them this coming week.