

**"EVANGELISM AT ITS BEST"**

1 Thessalonians 2:1-16

The single greatest GIFT we can give ANYONE, ANYWHERE,  
ANYTIME is the GOSPEL (JOHN 3:16)

God \_\_\_\_\_. God \_\_\_\_\_.

We \_\_\_\_\_. We \_\_\_\_\_.

*"How God makes us right in his sight."* ROM 1:17

**EVANGELISM AT ITS BEST...**

1. Requires \_\_\_\_\_

*"...our God gave us the courage to declare his Good News to you boldly, in spite of great opposition."* [vv. 1-2]

2. Fueled by \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

*"... we speak as messengers approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News. Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts. Never once did we try to win you with flattery, as you well know. And God is our witness that we were not pretending to be your friends just to get your money! As for human praise, we have never sought it from you or anyone else."* [vv. 3-6]

3. Involving \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

*"... we were like children among you... like a mother feeding and caring for her own children. We loved you so*

*much that we shared with you not only God's Good News but our own lives, too."* [vv. 7-8]

4. With \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

*"Don't you remember, dear brothers and sisters, how hard we worked among you? Night and day we toiled to earn a living so that we would not be a burden to any of you as we preached God's Good News to you. You yourselves are our witnesses—and so is God—that we were devout and honest and faultless toward all of you believers."* [vv. 9-10]

5. Seasoned with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

*"And you know that we treated each of you as a father treats his own children. We pleaded with you, encouraged you, and urged you to live your lives in a way that God would consider worthy. For he called you to share in his Kingdom and glory."* [vv. 11-12]

6. In the face of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

*"...You accepted what we said as the very word of God—which, of course, it is. And this word continues to work in you who believe. And then, dear brothers and sisters, you suffered persecution from your own countrymen. In this way, you imitated the believers in God's churches in Judea who, because of their belief in Christ Jesus, suffered from their own people, the Jews. For some of the Jews killed the prophets, and some even killed the Lord Jesus. Now they have persecuted us, too. They fail to please God and work against all humanity as they try to keep us from preaching the Good News of salvation to the Gentiles. By doing this, they continue to pile up their sins. But the anger of God has caught up with them at last."* [vv. 13-16]