

I Thess. 1:3-5

SUBJECT: The Saving  
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II. The messengers of the gospel

1:5 "our gospel" = 1:1 "Paul, Silas, Timothy"

One they themselves believed, experienced, shared  
not appointed to stand as motionless sign-posts,  
to point the way with lifeless accuracy and unapproachable  
address; while showing the road, never moved on in it  
on it themselves. They follow-pilgrims - clambering up  
every hill of difficulty, descending every valley of humiliation,  
wholly committed.

- 1. consecrating their joints & lo: the blood touches you  
the ear, hand, toe, to show consecration unspared.
- 2. Ezekiel 3: 1-3, 10 before delivering prophecies to the  
people, the voice, one: "Son of man, eat this roll..."
- 3. Ps 116: 10 "I believed, therefore have I spoken" They  
themselves said, preached that salvation. Personal experience.

But the gospel not come to us by the word of men  
but by the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us  
and who is the source of all our life and strength  
and who is the one who has made us what we are  
and who is the one who is still making us  
and who is the one who will make us what we shall be  
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The gospel comes to all alike: some preachers, some hearers,  
a people where nothing was done II Cor. 2:13

### III. The reception of the gospel

1:5

1. The gospel comes to some only in word.

(1) Never reaches the soul. Never really know its meaning.

of the men with Paul on Damascus road - they are sound, that is.

of the arrows shot by Jonathan. David understood; the last.

of sit in church, if come, like an hour on day of penance.

to them the preacher lashes the air } heart is vain  
whips the water } insensible or asleep  
waves the wind }  
invites the Lord }

(2) Some understand it in theory. Every saying a beautiful presentation of it. Part of culture - music, ethical intent. But that is all. The gospel comes to them like an unloaded cannon placed in a park or a barrel of gun powder rolled in a magazine - no force in it; the fire of the spirit? Not about.

(3) Some affected by it. Tears - conviction. Resolves. But not down the road - no down. And the morning dew is not more fleeting. " " early dew vanishes as soon. Just in a glass at their natural fall, go away. forget what measure? men they are.

