

Faith Christian Fellowship
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A Supernatural Church

Text: 1 Thessalonians 1:5

It's a shame when people go to a church looking to find God and all they find is people without answers and lacking in His presence & power. We are the light. We are the church. We are His Body. When Paul ministered people knew God was there.

A supernatural church is comprised of a supernatural people. Gal 6:1

1 Thessalonians 1:5 *For our Gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.*

The Word was taught – “our Gospel did not come to you in word only...”

- A.** A Supernatural Church teaches the Gospel. People of the Spirit do too.
- B.** Paul, Silas & Timothy taught the Gospel of Jesus Christ. 1Cor15:1-9
 - 1. Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, HE is ALIVE. And I can prove it.
- C.** A Supernatural people... shared the message of Christ and a supernatural local church in Thessalonica was born and GROWN.
 - 1. When the Gospel is taught: Faith comes & Power is present Romans 10:17, Romans 1:16
 - 2. It's the most important thing we can share. 1 Cor 15:3-5 NLT
- D. In a Supernatural Church, people move from hearing the Gospel to teaching it. Hebrews 5:12**
 - 1. Opportunities are everywhere (Home, market, & church)
 - 2. Are you teaching what you know? What are you passing on to others? There are a lot of great things, but Paul said the Gospel was the most important thing.

Demonstration was wrought – “For our Gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power”

- A.** Romans 1:16 The Gospel is the POWER of God unto Salvation (soteria) Healing, Deliverance, Peace, CHANGE.
 - 1. The Gospel should bring about noticeable change in you.
 - a. What do people that knew you when... see in you now?
 - b. What about people you haven't seen in 2-3 years? Would they still see the transforming power of the Gospel at work in you?
- B.** Power is always present when the Gospel is taught. Spirit-filled Believers are carriers of Holy Ghost Power designed to demonstrate and provide evidence that Jesus is alive. Acts 1:8, Mark 16:17-20

Holy Spirit was sought – We should desire and want the move of the Spirit in our midst. A supernatural church and a Supernatural people should be marked by the Supernatural! 1 Corinthians 2:4

- A.** The changes both in the nature of people, and physically – was recognized and accredited to the Holy Spirit.
 - 1. The Gospel presented always yields opportunity for demonstration of the Spirit. 1 Cor 12. In the NT we consistently see the two together throughout the book of Acts.
- B. A Supernatural people of the Spirit, desire the things of the Spirit.**
- C.** We are instructed to DESIRE the move of the Spirit in our midst. And to come as willing participants in how the Lord might want to use any of us when we gather. 1 Cor 12:31, 1 Cor 14:1, 1 Cor 14:39
- D.** And allow people to be used by God as He desires in an orderly and fitting way, 1cor12:11, 1Cor14:31, 1 Cor 14:40

The GOSPEL was caught –

- A.** The Gospel message was more than just taught. & it wasn't just demonstrated. But the HEART of the Message was embraced by those in Thessalonica.
 - 1. The Supernatural Church can't have an atmosphere and culture that inspires faith and conviction that WHATEVER GOD says is true, we can trust it, We can believe it, we can do it, we can have it... without a Supernatural PEOPLE sold out, committed & participating with it. We have Assurance. Romans 8:14-17
- B. People that are sure of their relationship with Christ, bring assurance to others.** Will you tell someone of His goodness this week?

We behaved and responded as we ought –

- A. How are your behavior and actions perceived by others?**
 - 1. **Character is important.** The Thessalonians observed & recognized his ministry team's character & conduct.
- B.** People are watching you to see how you live & love? 1Cor 13:1
- C.** It speaks of our motives as a church and as His people.
 - 1. 1 Thessalonians 2:9-10 The Thessalonians became convinced that what Paul taught was real, not just because of what happened when they taught, but because of the manner in which Paul and his team lived.
- D.** Let's allow the Holy Spirit to identify ONE area of character, attitude in each our lives and commit to growing in that.
 - 1. Then like Paul we can say, “I am well on my way, pressing forward, reaching out for Christ, and am intentionally working on being more like Him.” Philippians 3:13

We are called to be a Supernatural people;
A Supernatural Church. Will you let Him develop you
and flow through you? What is holding you back?