

The Evidence the Gospel Changes Lives 1 Thessalonians 1:7-10

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- A. The Power of the Gospel to Change Lives: 1 Thess. 1:4-6
 - 1. The Results of Gospel Power Changing Lives: 1 Thess. 1:5
- B. The Evidences the Gospel Changes Lives
 - 1. Imitators of Godly Examples and the Lord: 1 Thess. 1:6, 2:4

Today

- 2. Reverent Submission to the Word of God
 - 1 Thess. 2:13, John 16:7-15, 1 Peter 2:1-3, Isaiah 66:1-2

- 3. Joy of the Holy Spirit: 1 Thess. 1:6
 - a. Its definition:
Richard Asty, “Joy is the sweet motion of the soul in full contentment of heart and complacency (calmness) of spirit.”

 - b. Its Author
Galatians 5:22, Acts 13:48

 - c. It goes beyond circumstantial happiness
Habakkuk 3:18, John 15:11, Phil. 4:4

 - d. It strengthens the Christian in life
Nehemiah 8:10

 - e. It enables us to endure and embrace suffering with gladness: Acts 5:41; 16:23-25, 2 Cor. 7:4, 2 Cor. 8:1-2

 - f. It fuels anticipation of future, uninterrupted joy of heaven with Jesus: Heb. 12:1-2, John 16:20-24, Psalm 16:11