

## **The Gospel Faithfully Proclaimed in Thessalonica**

Acts 17:1-10a

### **I. Two Essential Characteristics of Faithful Proclamation of the Gospel vss. 1-3**

1. Faithful Proclamation of the Gospel is Scripture-Centered vss. 1-2

Acts 20:18-27

2 Timothy 4:1-4

2. Faithful Proclamation of the Gospel is Christ-Centered vs. 3

Luke 24:25-32

1 Corinthians 15:3-8

### **II. Two Kinds of Responses to the Faithful Proclamation of the Gospel vss. 4-10a**

1. A Positive Response to the Faithful Proclamation of the Gospel vs. 4
2. A Negative Response to the Faithful Proclamation of the Gospel vss. 5-10a

See also Acts 14:21-22; 19:8; 20:25; 28:23, 30-31

John Stott has aptly observed:

On the one hand, as Christian people, we are called to be conscientious and law-abiding citizens, not revolutionaries. On the other hand, the kingship of Jesus has unavoidable political implications since, as his loyal subjects, we must refuse to give any ruler or ideology the supreme homage and total obedience which are due to him alone. (*The Message of Acts*, p. 273)