WHAT DOES GENUINE FAITH IN CHRIST LOOK LIKE? TRULY CHANGED LIVES IN CHRIST ARE CLEARLY VISIBLE 1 THESSALONIANS 1:6-10

- I. Review: THE RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL PAUL AND HIS COMPANIONS SAW: The full conviction of the Gospel produced in these Thessalonians real faith, love and hope in the Lord Jesus Christ, demonstrating they were truly chosen by God (2-5)
- II. THE RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL EVERYONE ELSE SAW: These Thessalonians received the Word in much tribulation, with the joy of the Holy Spirit having become imitators of the Lord and examples to all the believers in the region and to all (6-10)
 - A. They BECAME IMITATORS of the Lord and real believers in how they received the Word: They received the Word in the midst of heavy tribulation with the joy of the Spirit (6)
 - B. With the result they BECAME EXAMPLES to all the believers in Europe and every place (7-10)
 - 1. **They became examples** to all the believers (7)
 - 2. **How** did they become examples? (8-10)
 - (a) They spread the Word (8a)
 - (b) The news of their genuine faith toward God spread (8b-10)
 - (i) How they had **turned to God** from dead idols...(9a)
 - (ii) ...to serve the living and true God (9b)
 - (iii) ...to wait for His Son (10)

Note: We will look at verses 9-10 in more depth next week.