
SERMON OUTLINE

Healthy Christians – Embracing the radical gospel
1 Thessalonians 2:13-16

- I. The gospel has power in our lives because it's really God's word (1 Thessalonians 2:13).
 - A. Power to save – The Thessalonians welcomed the gospel as God's authoritative word (13a).
 - B. Power to transform – God's word continued its work in them (13b).

- II. The gospel brings persecution to believers from those opposing it (1 Thessalonians 2:14-15a).
 - A. Believers in Thessalonica suffered just like those in Jerusalem (14).
 - B. Enemies of the gospel are enemies of Jesus and anyone who preaches Jesus (15a).

- III. The gospel brings God's judgment to unbelievers opposing it (1 Thessalonians 2:15b-16).
 - A. To oppose the gospel is to hate God and to hate mankind by hindering their salvation (15b-16a).
 - B. God's judgment on them is already certain (16b).