Introduction
The Church in Thessalonica was an evangelistic church.
They had a faith that overflowed and the ripple effects were felt throughout the Roman Empire.
How did that happen?

I. Evangelism begins with God. Verse 4
We are a family in Christ.
We are deeply loved by God.
God chose you to be his child, if you know Christ.
“For he chose us in him (Christ) before the creation of the world, to be holy and blameless in his sight.” Ephesians 1:4
How did Paul know the Thessalonians had been chosen by God? Because of:

- Their extraordinary response.
- Their changed lives.
- Their fervent witness.

We believe. We are changed. We want others to know him too.

II. Evangelism is the responsibility of every believer. Verse 5
“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

They shared the gospel:

- In words.
- In power – with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction.
- In life.

Each of us has a testimony that we can share.
III. It is often in the hardest circumstances of our life that our faith shines the brightest. Verses 6-10

They became imitators of Paul and of the Lord, in spite of severe suffering.

They became models to others.

They welcomed the message with joy.

The Lord’s message rang out all over the Roman Empire.

“In that age, every Christian was a missionary.” John Foxe

“The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church.” Tertullian

God often uses the hardest circumstances of our life to be a witness for Christ.

Conclusion

They turned the world upside down.

They turned from idols to the living and true God.

They put their hope in Christ and his imminent return.

Would you like to be part of something like that?