

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

Sermon Date: 12/09/2021

Text(s): 1 Thessalonians 2 : 9 - 16

Sermon Title: Transformed By The Gospel

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(The sermon recording is available in the PMC website and MyPMC App)

READ (5 mins)

1 Thessalonians 2 : 9 – 16

⁹ Surely you remember, brothers and sisters, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you. ¹⁰ You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed. ¹¹ For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, ¹² encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.

¹³ And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe. ¹⁴ For you, brothers and sisters, became imitators of God's churches in Judea, which are in Christ Jesus: You suffered from your own people the same things those churches suffered from the Jews ¹⁵ who killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets and also drove us out. They displease God and are hostile to everyone ¹⁶ in their effort to keep us from speaking to the Gentiles so that they may be saved. In this way they always heap up their sins to the limit. The wrath of God has come upon them at last.

RELATE (30 mins)

(Relate to what was shared and on key themes in the sermon)

- 1. In the face of false accusations and lies, what are your responses? Do you quietly make a stand, politely ignore them, noisily confront them or others? What did Paul encourage the Thessalonians to do in response to all the deceit, lies and persecution they were facing?**
- 2. Jesus is the transforming power of the gospel, how has the gospel transformed your testimony? Have you or those nearest to you observed a change in your desires, conduct or objectives? (This is a good time for members to affirm and encourage one another.)**

3. **According to the preacher, what are needed for the transformative work of the gospel to take place in our lives? Which of these is more challenging for you? Share a recent incident which caused you to come to this realization.**

REFLECT (30 mins)

(Reflect and apply God's word to our daily lives)

1. **What steps do we need to take to receive the power and the grace of the gospel so as to live as redeemed people, forgiven and surrendered to Jesus? What is God saying to you in your current situation or in your season in life? How have you received it and what transforming work is it doing in you?**
2. **How does knowing your identity and security in Him frees you to live your life differently from the world's expectations and limitations? How are you living a life worthy of God, what are your aspirations in Christ especially in this time of lostness and uncertainties? Share 1 or 2 practical steps that you are taking to achieve these aspirations for God's kingdom and glory.**

REST (15 mins)

(Take time to share and pray for one another)

(Pray for our church, our nation, and our world. See MyPMC > PRAY for monthly guide)

- Pray for one another to surrender to Jesus and allow the power and the grace of the gospel to transform our testimony, identity and security so that we are worthy of God's kingdom and glory.
- Pray for our church to be a people who are not ashamed of the gospel but intentionally and diligently seize all opportunities to share the gospel with our living testimonies.
- Pray for the MCS to continue to be strong and stable, able to meet needs in Singapore, and stand out as a true witness of Christ Jesus.