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BY THE GOSPEL

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EUROPE

# NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN

NORTH AMERICA

Bermuda

Florida

Bermuda triangle

Puerto Rico

AFRICA

SOUTH AMERICA

10/10 would do again

Love the random planes and people floating around :)  
food is good, a bit raw, and my ship has a huge hole in it,  
but its fine.



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2. Identity
3. Security



## **Context:**

The Thessalonian Church was living in the middle of intense persecution.

They also had to deal with deceit and false teachers.

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We know the gospel transforms us when we place the desires of others above our own.

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The gospel transforms us to be holy and to encourage others to do so together.

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This gospel that they have come to accept, that transforms their identity, was not mere words from men but of God.

This was significant because:

- The gospel is trustworthy



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-Behind the holy, righteous and blameless living lies a grace for us all.

There is a power behind what  
Paul was writing.

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Jesus is the transforming power  
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His oath, His covenant, His blood.  
Support me in the whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.