



HICKORY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

A Real Gospel for Real People | 1 Thessalonians 1:1¹

The Pastors' Class | Wednesday, April 15, 2020

*"Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians
in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace."
1 Thessalonians 1:1*

Theme: A real gospel can change real people.

1. The gospel **motivates** you (Acts 17:1-10).

- Motivates you to **proclaim** (17:1-4).
 - With **courage** (17:2).
 - With **clarity** (17:3).
 - With **conviction** (17:3).
- Motivates you to **persevere** (17:5-10).
 - Despite **opposition** (17:5).
 - Despite **persecution** (17:5).
 - Despite **legislation** (17:7).
 - Despite **loss of leadership** (17:10).

2. The gospel **transforms** you (1 Thessalonians 1:1).

- Transforms you **horizontally** (1:1b).
- Transforms you **vertically** (1:1c).
 - New **position** with God ("grace")
 - New **relationship** with God ("peace")

¹The content and outlines of this Pastors' Class Series are derived from Mark Howell's *Christ-Centered Exposition: Exalting Jesus in 1 & 2 Thessalonians* commentary.