

sermon notes

November 2, 2025 | Pastor Tony Caffey, Messiah Bible Church
No Other Name | “Mission Accomplished in Macedonia” | **Acts 17:1–15**

Three components of a Christ-honoring Mission:

1) _____ that is _____
(17:1–3, 10–11)

2) _____ calling for _____
(17:4, 12)

3) _____ despite _____
(17:5–9, 13–15)

Questions for further application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

Read Acts 17:1–9. Why was Paul so adamant in Thessalonica that Jesus was the Christ? Why did Paul argue that it was necessary for Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead? Why is this an essential part of the gospel? Is this what the Jewish people were expecting of their Messiah/Christ?

Can a church be truly faithful to God without preaching the gospel? Can it be faithful to God without preaching the Scriptures? Explain the interrelationship between preaching the Word (the Scriptures) and preaching the WORD (Jesus Christ)?

In Acts 17:7, the mob told the city leaders that Christians submit to another king besides Caesar. Why were they saying this? Is Jesus a king like Caesar? Why didn’t Jason just say that Jesus isn’t a king, so there’s nothing for them to be concerned about?

GET PERSONAL

Can anyone receive Christ without first being drawn by the Father (see John 6:44)? Does this mean that we can be complacent and nonchalant in our witness? Does this mean that we shouldn’t persuade others to receive Christ as savior? Why or why not? In what ways did Paul persuade others to put their faith in Christ?

Read Acts 17:10–15. What is admirable about the converts in Berea? Why does Luke highlight them? Would you consider yourself a Berean Christian? Why or why not?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Which OT Scriptures do you think Paul used when he was reasoning with the Jews in Thessalonica? How was Paul’s preaching “Christ-centered”? Read Acts 13:13–52 and write down all the OT Scriptures that Paul used in his sermon at Pisidian Antioch. How might you use OT Scriptures like these to share the gospel with others?

ADVANCED QUESTIONS FOR DEEPER STUDY

Read through the book of 1 Thessalonians (and/or 2 Thessalonians) in one sitting while imagining yourself as Jason or one of the prominent Greek women who came to Christ in Thessalonica. What happened to Jason and the other brothers after they became Christians? Did the Thessalonian church abandon Christ after they were persecuted? How do you know (see 1 Thess 1:6; 2:14–15; 3:1–8; 2 Thess 1:4)?

For more on 1 Thessalonians, see the series entitled “Kingdom Called”:

<https://www.messiahbible.org/1-thessalonians-kingdom-called>.

For more on 2 Thessalonians, see the series entitled “Kingdom Come”:

<https://www.messiahbible.org/2-thessalonians-kingdom-come>.