

MUCH ASSURANCE

Acts 17:6-7 (HCSB)

6 ...“These men who have turned the world upside down have come here too, **7** and Jason has received them as guests! They are all acting contrary to Caesar’s decrees, saying that there is another king—Jesus!”

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (HCSB)

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy:

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Grace to you and peace.

2 We always thank God for all of you, remembering you constantly in our prayers. **3** We recall, in the presence of our God and Father, your work of faith, labor of love, and endurance of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, **4** knowing your election, brothers loved by God. **5** For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, in the Holy Spirit, and with much assurance. You know what kind of men we were among you for your benefit, **6** and you became imitators of us and of the Lord when, in spite of severe persecution, you welcomed the message with joy from the Holy Spirit. **7** As a result, you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. **8** For the Lord’s message rang out from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place that your faith in God has gone out. Therefore, we don’t need to say anything, **9** for they themselves report what kind of reception we had from you: how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God **10** and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.