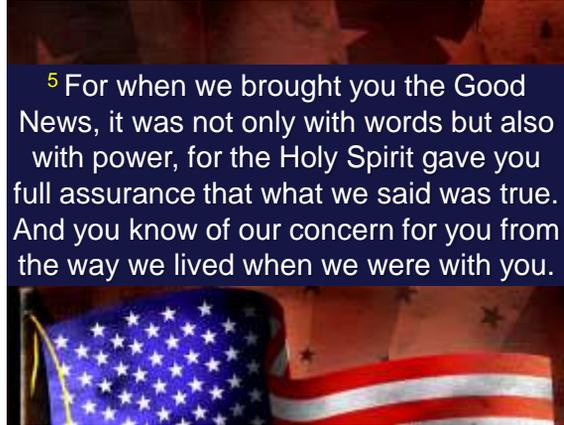


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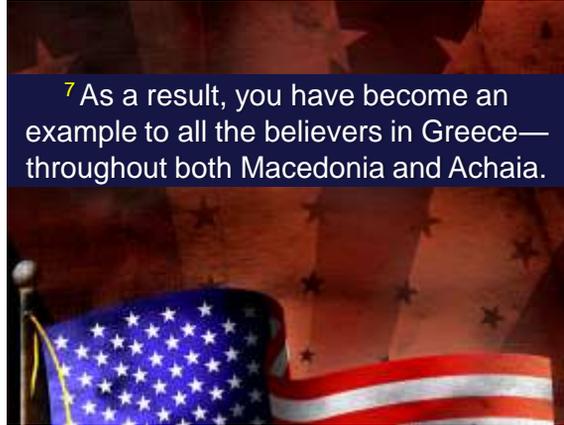
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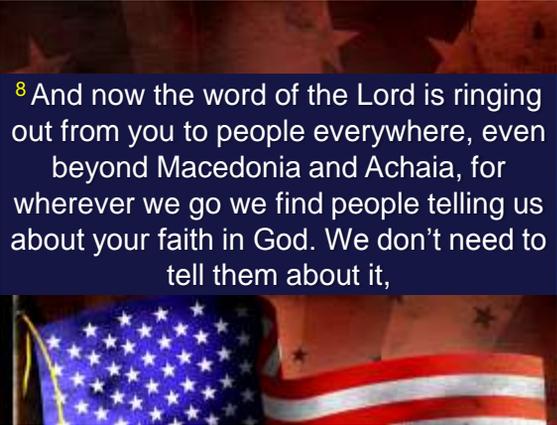
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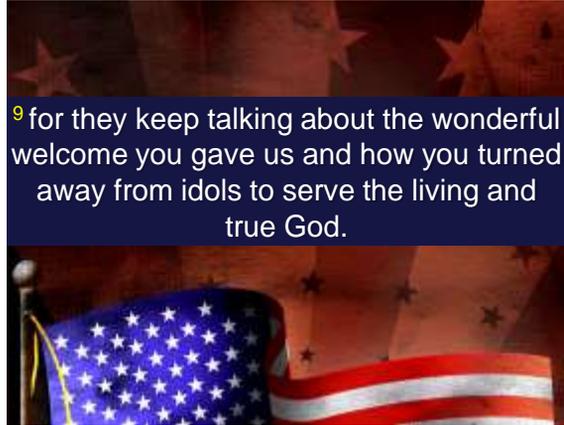
<sup>6</sup> So you received the message with joy from the Holy Spirit in spite of the severe suffering it brought you. In this way, you imitated both us and the Lord.

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<sup>7</sup> As a result, you have become an example to all the believers in Greece—throughout both Macedonia and Achaia.

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<sup>8</sup> And now the word of the Lord is ringing out from you to people everywhere, even beyond Macedonia and Achaia, for wherever we go we find people telling us about your faith in God. We don't need to tell them about it,

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<sup>10</sup> And they speak of how you are looking forward to the coming of God's Son from heaven—Jesus, whom God raised from the dead. He is the one who has rescued us from the terrors of the coming judgment.



## PROCESS VS. EVENT



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So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ.  
Ro. 10:17

My Past My Future

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(God) wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth. (1 Tim. 2:4)

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None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. (Ro 3:10b-11)

For no one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them to me... (Jn 6:44)

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Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away. (Acts 3:19)

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Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. (Ro. 5:1)

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#### 5. Hope, Love for Christians and a Desire to Share Christ is the Fruit

<sup>3</sup> As we pray to our God and Father about you, we think of your faithful work, your loving deeds, and the enduring hope you have because of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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