

The Reasonable Word

Acts 17:1-15

Part 1: The Thessalonians – vv. 1-9

Paul invested _____ to present a _____ Gospel.

2 key terms:

- Explaining ...
- Proving ...

Paul presented the Gospel _____, not _____.

2 assumptions:

- They accepted the scriptures as _____.
- They were _____ respond to the truth logically explained and applied.

And from 1 Thessalonians, we know a bit more of Paul's example (1 Thessalonians 2:1-16):

- Paul considered the costs _____.
- The Gospel will never advance without _____.
- Paul operated from two motives:
 - o _____ to God
 - o _____ for the people

These 2 motives force _____ without apology.

- Paul poured his life into the _____.
- Paul lived a life that validated the _____.
- Paul called them to more than _____. He called them to _____.

Their response? In a word, _____.

Two constants in Gospel ministry:

- _____
- _____

Neither are under our control.

Those who opposed the Gospel leveled 2 accusations:

- "these men ... have turned the world upside down ..."
- "they are ... saying there is another king, Jesus."

They didn't know how _____ they really were!

- The Gospel is the only way to turn the world _____!
- The _____ Gospel is always a _____ Gospel!

Part 2: The Bereans - vv. 10-15

The Bereans were different than the Thessalonians:

They were more _____ ...

They were more _____ ...

They were more _____ ...

Some lessons on receiving the Word like a Berean: