

1 Thessalonians 2



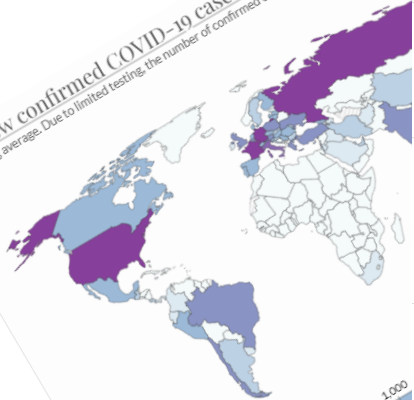
Acts 17:1-10

1Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. 2And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, 3explaining and proving that it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Christ." 4And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women.

5But the Jews were jealous, and taking some wicked men of the rabble, they formed a mob, set the city in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the crowd. 6And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, 7and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus." 8And the people and the city authorities were disturbed when they heard these things. 9And when they had taken money as security from Jason and the rest, they let them go. 10 The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue

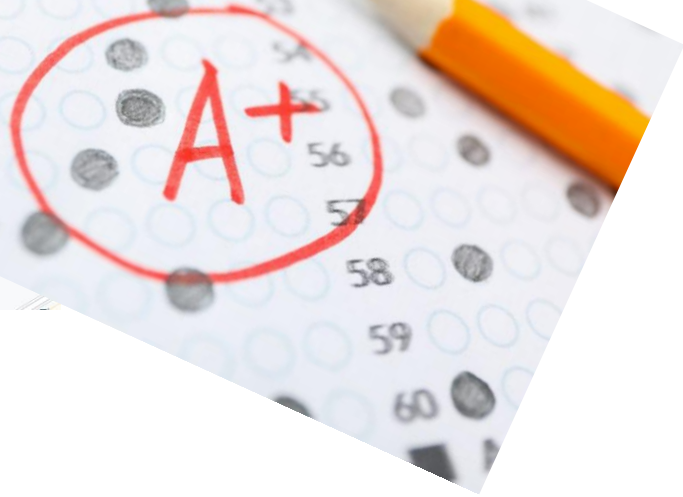
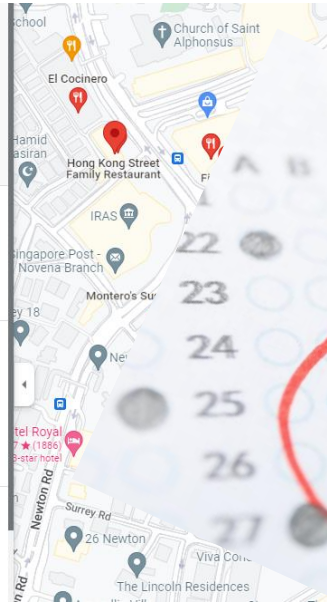
Success?

Daily new confirmed COVID-19 cases, Sep 28, 2022
7-day rolling average. Due to limited testing, the number of confirmed cases is lower than the true number of infections.



Source: Johns Hopkins University CSSE COVID-19 Data
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Successful mission?

- Beaten publicly
- Jailed
- Sent away quietly like fugitives
- Fled from an angry mob
- Mocked for crazy theories
- Opposed
- Verbally abused

Accusations

Criminal record

Ulterior Motives

Never did come back did he?

1For you yourselves know, brothers, **that our coming to you was not in vain**. 2But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had **boldness** in our God **to declare to you the gospel of God** in the midst of much conflict.

Paul's defense

Pure intentions

2:3-8 How they delivered their message truthfully, sincerely & generously

Blameless conduct

2:9-12 How they lived holy, righteous, blamelessly

Selfless joy

2:13-20 The Thessalonians & their acceptance of the gospel as God's

Pure intentions

Their message was free from error, pure & without intention to deceive

Delivered sincerely

Gently & generously

3For our appeal **does not spring from error or impurity** or any **attempt to deceive**, 4but just as we have been **approved by God** to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts.

5For we **never came with words of flattery**, as you know, **nor with a pretext for greed**—God is witness. 6Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ

7But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. 8So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were **ready to share with you** not only the gospel of God but also **our own selves**, because you had become very dear to us.

Blameless conduct

They earned their own keep

And lived holy, righteous, blamelessly

Didn't hold back from giving hard truths

9For you remember, brothers, **our labor and toil: we worked night and day**, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

10You are witnesses, and God also, **how holy and righteous and blameless** was our conduct toward you believers.

11For you know how, like a father with his children, 12**we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you** to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.



Selfless joy

That they accepted the gospel as the Word of God

And exhibited the gospel by suffering for it

13And we also thank God constantly for this, that **when you received the word of God**, which you heard from us, you **accepted it not as the word of men but** as what it really is, **the word of God**, which is at work in you believers.

14For you, brothers, **became imitators of the churches** of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea. For you **suffered the same things** from your own countrymen as they did from the Jews, 15who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out, and displease God and oppose all mankind 16by hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles that they might be saved—so as always to fill up the measure of their sins. But wrath has come upon them at last!



Selfless joy

The Thessalonians were their joy & glory

17But since we were **torn away** from you, brothers, for a short time, in person not in heart, we endeavored the more eagerly and with **great desire to see you face to face**, 18because we wanted to come to you—I, Paul, again and again—but Satan hindered us. 19**For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting** before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? 20**For you are our glory and joy.**

Paul defends the gospel

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A gospel worth suffering for