

1 Thessalonians 1v1-10

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## Acts 17v1-3...

When Paul and his companions had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. <sup>2</sup> As was his custom, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, <sup>3</sup> explaining and proving that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead. 'This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Messiah,' he said.

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But other Jews were jealous; so they rounded up some bad characters from the market-place, formed a mob and started a riot in the city.

**Thessalonica**



**Berea**



**Athens**

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*Timothy  
heads  
back...*

**Thessalonica**



**Berea**



**Athens**



**Corinth**



*Timothy  
heads  
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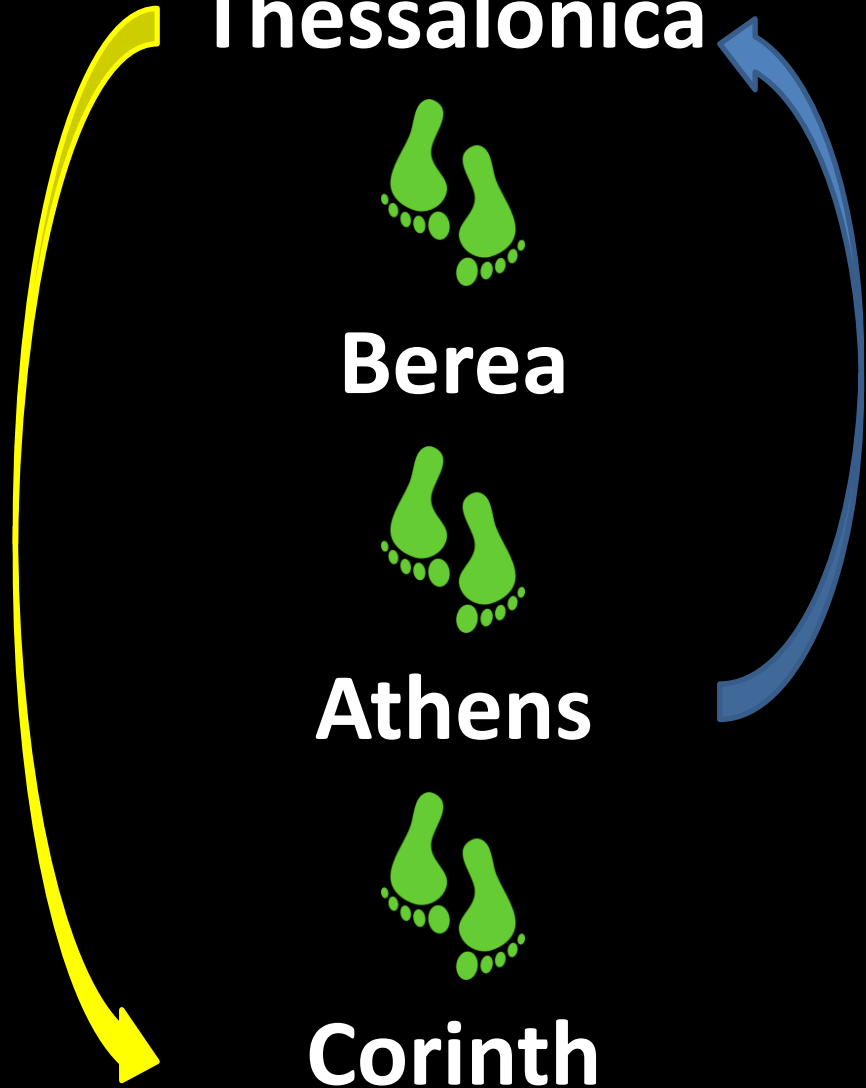
**Corinth**



*Timothy  
rejoins  
Paul*



*Timothy  
heads  
back...*





# 1 Thessalonians 4v1...

As for other matters, brothers and sisters, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more.

# 1 Thessalonians 1v2-3...

We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. <sup>3</sup> We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

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*“The Spirit without the Word is weaponless; and the Word without the Spirit is powerless.”*

**John Stott**



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Peck!

Sssss

Gasp!

Hooray!

*I wanna be the good soil:*

*The stuff that makes great mud pies*

*The stuff where all the plants grow*

*Way up until they're ten metres high*

*I wanna be the good soil*

*The kind that's cool and squishy on your toes*

*I wanna hear God's word*

*And let it grow in rows and rows and rows*



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V10: ...and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.



