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Redeemer Weekly

The Newsletter of Redeemer Church, Piketon, OH



# ENTRUSTED WITH THE GOSPEL OF GOD

**1 Thessalonians 2:1-8**

What has God entrusted to His church? Paul's answer is wonderfully clear: the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have been given the good news of a Savior who redeems guilty sinners, reconciles them to God, and gives them everlasting life through His finished work.

Today,  we will consider Paul's account of his ministry among the Thessalonians. Though he had suffered opposition and mistreatment, he continued to proclaim Christ with courage. His confidence rested in God, whose sovereign grace makes the preaching of the Gospel effective in the hearts of His people.

Paul writes:
"*But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.*"
1 Thessalonians 2:4, KJV

That sacred trust shapes both our message and our manner. We proclaim salvation freely given by God's grace, accomplished through Christ's obedience, death, and resurrection, and received through faith in Him. Every sinner who comes to Christ finds the all-sufficient Savior and a faithful welcome.

And we carry this message with love. Paul describes his care for the Thessalonians with the tenderness of a mother cherishing her children. The grace that made him bold also made him gentle. He willingly shared his life with those to whom he preached.

As we gather, we will consider what this means for our congregation. How can we faithfully proclaim Christ while patiently caring for the people He places before us? How does confidence in God's sovereign mercy strengthen our prayers, invitations, and conversations?

# REDEEMER CHURCH OF PIKETON OHIO
## Sunday Worship October 25, 2026
## 11:30 AM

*"Proclaiming The Gospel of God's Free and Sovereign Grace"*

**Elder**
*Keith Boothe*
**Elder**
*Jason Boothe*
**Lector**
*Greg Flannery*
**Organist**
*Cody Conners*

**Prelude**

**Call to Worship** — **Jason Boothe**
Psalm 90:1-6,13-17

**Opening Hymn**
"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" • Sing! Hymnal #6

**Old Testament Reading** — **Greg Flannery**
Deuteronomy 34:1-12

**Gospel Reading** — **Keith Boothe**
Matthew 22:34-46

**Pastoral Prayer** — **Keith Boothe**

**Hymn of Preparation**
"In Christ Alone" • Sing! Hymnal #181

**Preaching of the Word** — **Jason Boothe**
"Entrusted with the Gospel of God"
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

**Closing Hymn**
"I Love To Tell the Story" • Sing! Hymnal #215

**Benediction** — **Keith Boothe**
"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen."
— 2 Corinthians 13:14 KJV

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**-STUDENT DEVOTIONAL-**

# GOOD NEWS WORTH SHARING

**1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-8**

***"So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us."***

***1 Thessalonians 2:8, KJV***

Have you ever hesitated to talk about your faith because you wondered what someone might think? Perhaps a friend asked why you go to church, or someone at school made a joke about Christianity. You wanted to say something, but finding the words felt difficult.

Paul knew what it meant to face opposition. People had treated him cruelly because he preached about Jesus. Yet he kept sharing the Gospel. God gave him courage, and he cared deeply about the people who needed to hear it.
That same good news has been given to us.

We have all sinned against God. That includes the things we say, the choices we make, and even the thoughts we keep hidden. We cannot erase our guilt by trying harder or collecting enough good deeds.
But God, in His mercy, sent His Son. Jesus lived in perfect righteousness, died for the sins of His people, and rose again. Everyone who trusts in Him is forgiven and accepted by God because of what Jesus has done.

*"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:*
*Not of works, lest any man should boast."*
*Ephesians 2:8–9, KJV*

Grace means we cannot take credit for saving ourselves. God deserves the praise! His Spirit convicts our hearts and brings us to trust Christ. You do not have to make yourself worthy before coming to Jesus. You may come rightly confessing your sin and trusting His mercy.

Paul shared the Gospel with people he loved. He wanted them to know Christ, and he willingly gave his time and care to them. That helps us understand how to speak about Jesus. Listen when someone asks a question. Be patient when they do not understand. Admit when you do not know an answer. You can learn together with help from a parent, teacher, or pastor. You might begin simply: "I believe I need forgiveness, and Jesus is the Savior I'm trusting."

You cannot change another person's heart. God can. That gives you reason to pray and courage to speak without feeling that everything depends on saying the perfect words.

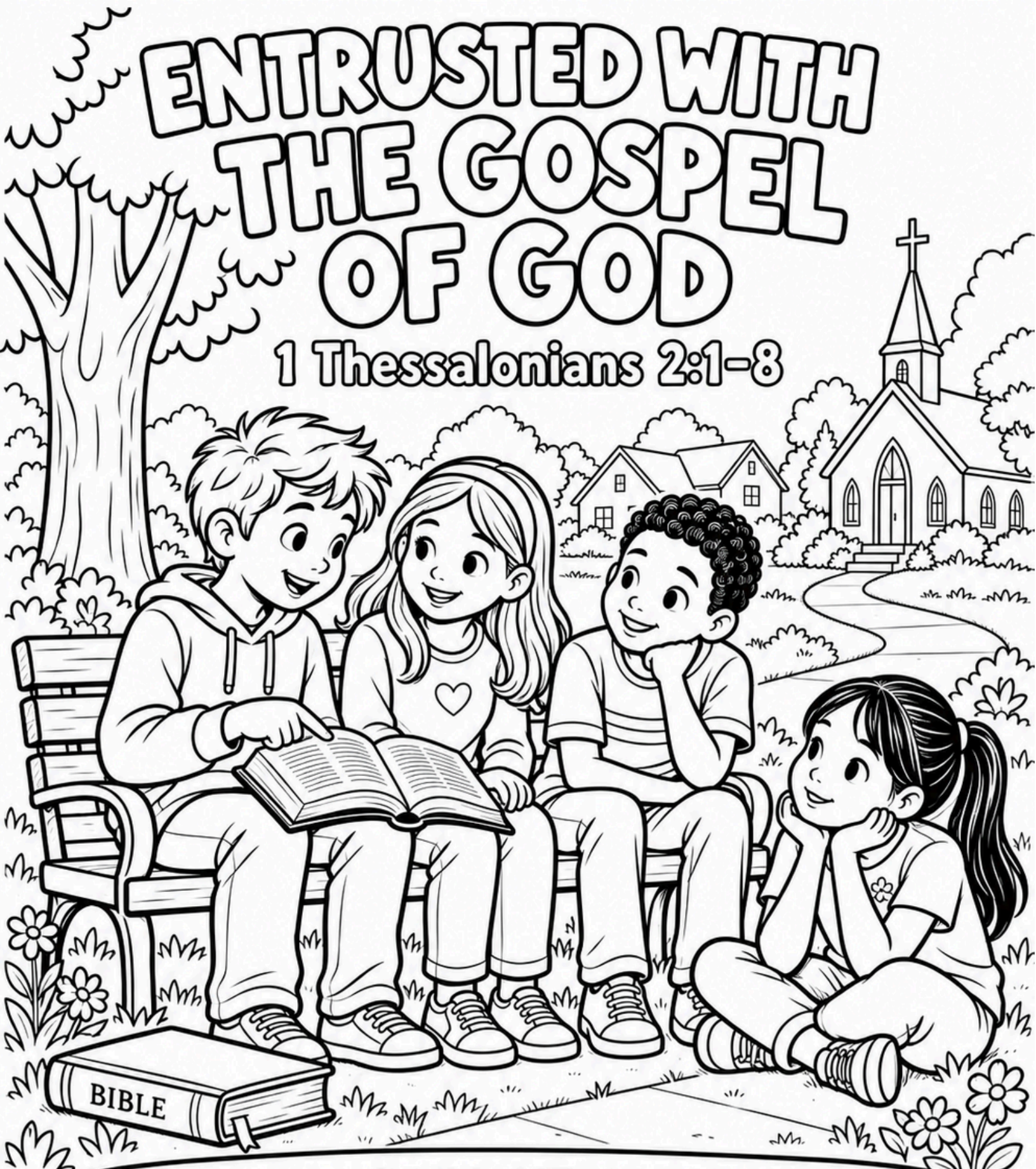
This week, think of one person you can pray for. Look for an opportunity to show kindness and, when the opportunity comes, explain why Jesus matters to you. You might invite that person to church with you.
We share the Gospel because we have received mercy, and we want others to know the Savior too.

**Pray**

*Father, thank You for saving sinners through Jesus Christ. Help me to trust His finished work. Give me courage to speak about Him and kindness toward those who listen. Open hearts to Your Gospel, and help me love the people You place in my life. In Jesus' name, amen.*

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**SHARE THE GOOD NEWS WITH LOVE!**

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# STUDY NOTES

**SERMON TITLE:** _____

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** _____

**PREACHER / TEACHER:** _____



**WHAT IS THE MAIN POINT OR THEME OF THIS MESSAGE?**

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**KEY QUOTE OR BIBLE VERSE(S):**

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**KEY POINTS**



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"Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed." **PROVERBS 19:17**

REDEEMER WEEKLY

A PERSONAL INVITATION CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

# Who Will You Invite This Week?



## We want everyone to hear the Gospel of God's Free and Sovereign Grace in Christ.

Church family, let us prayerfully seek the growth of our congregation by inviting friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers to worship with us. A simple invitation may open the door to a meaningful conversation and an opportunity to hear the Gospel.

### PRAY

Ask the Lord to open hearts and give you opportunities to invite someone.

### INVITE

Say, "Will you join me at church this Sunday? I would love to have you come."

### WELCOME

Offer a ride, meet them at the door, and invite them to sit with you.

***Think of one person. Extend an invitation this week.***



## EVERYONE IS INVITED.

**Redeemer Church of Piketon**

**Sunday Bible Study • 10:30 AM • Annex**
**Sunday Morning Worship • 11:30 AM • Main Building**

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# 1 THESSALONIANS

## *Faith, Love, and Hope in the Returning Christ*

### THE HEART OF THE LETTER

God gathers His people through the Gospel, sustains them in suffering, and forms them in holiness as they await the bodily return of Jesus Christ.

## AUTHORSHIP & HISTORICAL SETTING

The apostle Paul writes with Silvanus (Silas) and Timothy named in the greeting (1:1). Probably written from Corinth about A.D. 50–51, this early letter addresses a young church in Macedonia. Acts 17 records its beginnings amid opposition. Timothy's encouraging report prompts Paul to strengthen their faith, explain his ministry, urge holy living, and comfort believers grieving those who have died.

## KEY THEMES

1. **Sovereign, effective grace**
   God's election is evidenced as the Gospel comes in the Holy Spirit's power and bears fruit in faith (1:4–6).
2. **Christ our Deliverer**
   Jesus died for us, rose again, and delivers His people from the wrath to come (1:10; 5:9–10).
3. **Faithful Gospel ministry**
   God's servants proclaim His truth courageously, with integrity and tender love (2:1–12).
4. **Holiness and brotherly love**
   Grace produces sexual purity, love for others, and responsible daily work (4:1–12).
5. **Resurrection hope**
   Believers who have died will rise when Christ returns; His people will be with Him forever (4:13–18).
6. **God's preserving faithfulness**
   The God who calls His people will sanctify and keep them (5:23–24).

## INTERPRETIVE CHALLENGES

1. **Election and evangelism (1:4–5)**
   God's sovereign choice works through Gospel proclamation; it encourages faithful witness.
2. **"His vessel" (4:4)**
   Interpreters differ over whether this means one's body or one's wife. The clear command is sexual holiness and honor.
3. **The Lord's coming (4:13–5:11)**
   Christians differ on end-times chronology. Paul clearly teaches Christ's return, bodily resurrection, comfort, and watchfulness rather than date-setting.

## BASIC OUTLINE

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| 1:1–10 | Thanksgiving for Gospel fruit |
| 2:1–16 | Paul's ministry and their reception of the Word |
| 2:17–3:13 | Separation, Timothy's report, and prayer |
| 4:1–12 | Holiness, love, and daily conduct |
| 4:13–5:11 | Christ's return and Christian hope |
| 5:12–28 | Church life, prayer, and final blessing |

## READ & REFLECT

How does the certainty of Christ's return shape your witness, your love, and your daily choices?

***"Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."***

1 THESSALONIANS 5:24, KJV