

I. A New Testament Church receives the word of God, vs. 4-6.

A. The preacher, vs. 4-5.

1. Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God. For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake., vs. 4-5.

B. The people, vs. 6.

1. And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost: vs. 6.

2. John 14:26-27 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

II. A New Testament Church responds to the word of God, vs. 6-7.

A. As learners, vs. 6.

1. And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost: vs. 6.

B. As leaders, vs. 7.

1. So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.

III. A New Testament Church rings out the word of God, vs. 8-10.

A. They proclaimed it, vs. 8.

1. For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing., vs. 8.

B. They preserved it, vs. 9-10.

1. For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come., vs. 9-10.