

Paul was only at Thessalonica for a short period of time. Nevertheless, he was able to leave this fledgling church with a solid understanding of the fundamental role of God’s Word. In whatever church in which we are involved, these characteristics related to God’s Word must be part of that church! What are these characteristics?

- I. **Actively Received the Word of God** vv. 2-6
 - A. Evidenced by –
 1. Their work of faith (v.3)
 2. Their labor of love (v.3)
 3. Their patience of hope (v.3)
 - B. Effectuated by trust –
 1. In God’s workers (v.5)
 2. In God’s Word (v.5)
 - C. Testimony of “...your election of God” (v.4)
- II. **Actively Communicated the Word of God** vv. 7-10
 - A. Instrumentation – “...trumpets of God” (v.8)
 1. The uses of the trumpet
 2. The Church as God’s trumpet
 - B. The actualization of that instrumentation
 1. Sounded out one clear message – the Word of God!
 2. Did this by means of their remarkable conversions (v.7)

Conclusion:

- There remains a tremendous need for this kind of trumpet blast.
- We are the people to give forth this sound.
- The corporate testimony of the local church is of great importance.
- The only really effective trumpet is the one God forms and for which He supplies the breath that makes the sound.