

The background features a dark teal color with several water droplets of various sizes scattered across it. In the upper center, there is a blurred, out-of-focus image of a green bowl or cup. The overall aesthetic is clean and modern.

# **THE PRINCIPLE OF HARVEST**

**ACTS 17 & THESSALONICA**

## ACTS 16:9-12

9 AND A VISION APPEARED TO PAUL IN THE NIGHT: A MAN OF MACEDONIA WAS STANDING THERE, URGING HIM AND SAYING, "COME OVER TO MACEDONIA AND HELP US."

10 AND WHEN PAUL HAD SEEN THE VISION, IMMEDIATELY WE SOUGHT TO GO ON INTO MACEDONIA, CONCLUDING THAT GOD HAD CALLED US TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THEM.

11 SO, SETTING SAIL FROM TROAS, WE MADE A DIRECT VOYAGE TO SAMOTHRACE, AND THE FOLLOWING DAY TO NEAPOLIS,

12 AND FROM THERE TO PHILIPPI, WHICH IS A LEADING CITY OF THE DISTRICT OF MACEDONIA AND A ROMAN COLONY. WE REMAINED IN THIS CITY SOME DAYS.







Roman territory at the beginning of 1st. Punic War (264 B. C.)  
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# ACTS 17:1-3


**1 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews.**



**2 And Paul went in, as was his custom, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures,**



**3 explaining 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."**



# 1 THES 2:8

**8 SO, 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.**





## ACTS 17:4-6

**4 And 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.**



**5 But 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.**



**6 And 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,**



## ACTS 17:7-9

**7** and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus.”

**8** And the people and the city authorities were disturbed when they heard these things.

**9** And when they had taken money as security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.



# 1 THES 1:6-8

6 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit,

7 so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

8 For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything.







# 1 THES 1:9-10

**9 FOR THEY THEMSELVES REPORT CONCERNING US THE KIND OF RECEPTION WE HAD AMONG YOU, AND HOW YOU TURNED TO GOD FROM IDOLS TO SERVE THE LIVING AND TRUE GOD,**

**10 AND TO WAIT FOR HIS SON FROM HEAVEN, WHOM HE RAISED FROM THE DEAD, JESUS WHO DELIVERS US FROM THE WRATH TO COME.**



# 1 THES 3:2-3

2 AND WE SENT TIMOTHY, OUR BROTHER AND GOD'S  
COWORKER IN THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST, TO ESTABLISH AND  
EXHORT YOU IN YOUR FAITH,

3 THAT NO ONE BE MOVED BY THESE AFFLICTIONS. FOR YOU  
YOURSELVES KNOW THAT WE ARE DESTINED FOR THIS.

8 FOR NOW WE LIVE, IF YOU ARE STANDING FAST IN THE LORD.





# 1 THES 3:11-13

**11 NOW MAY OUR GOD AND FATHER HIMSELF, AND OUR LORD JESUS, DIRECT OUR WAY TO YOU,**

**12 AND MAY THE LORD MAKE YOU INCREASE AND ABOUND IN LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER AND FOR ALL, AS WE DO FOR YOU,**

**13 SO THAT HE MAY ESTABLISH YOUR HEARTS BLAMELESS IN HOLINESS BEFORE OUR GOD AND FATHER, AT THE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS WITH ALL HIS SAINTS.**

