

HERE AM I SEND ME

“Turning the World Upside Down”

GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Text: Acts 17:1-9

Introduction: We are continuing our series entitled “Here Am I, Send Me: The Acts of the Apostles” as we endeavor to learn more about the faith of the apostles, the work of the early church, and the spread of Christianity. I would like for us to focus our minds around the context of Acts 17:6. I don’t know why but when I read these words my mind keeps going back to Paul’s first letter to the Thessalonians, specifically I Thessalonians 2:1-12. Sometime after Paul left Thessalonica he wrote back to the church. We can find in these verses seven principles of turning the world upside down. Let’s study them together....

Discussion:

I. *A Bold Confirmation*

I Thessalonians 2:1-2, Acts 16:16-39, Romans 1:16-17

II. *A Trustworthy Command*

I Thessalonians 2:3-4, Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16

III. *A Pure Conscience*

I Thessalonians 2:5-6, Proverbs 11:6, Proverbs 28:16

IV. *A Gentle Conviction*

I Thessalonians 2:7, I Corinthians 4:21, I Timothy 6:11

V. *A Sacrificial Compassion*

I Thessalonians 2:8-9, Acts 22:6-21, Acts 26:12-18

VI. *A Life of Cleanliness*

I Thessalonians 2:10, Ephesians 5:26, James 4:8

VII. *An Urgent Call*

I Thessalonians 2:11-12, Ephesians 6:4, Colossians 3:21

Conclusion: We live in a community with hurting people. We are surrounded by those who are living in sin. What will we do about it? Will we love them? Will we reach out to them? Are you ready to walk with God and have a “Here Am I, Send Me” attitude? Are you ready to be baptized into the precious blood of the Lamb? Are you ready to turn the world upside down for Jesus?