**I. The gospel is often opposed!**

**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 Jewswere 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,**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. **10**The brothersimmediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea.

Acts 17:4-10a

**II. Thanking God for evidences of grace!**

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. 1 Thessalonians 1:1

 2 We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantlymentioning you in our prayers, 3 remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.