

God's Elect Showing Their True Colors

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

- 1) What 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 says about God
 - a) He transforms wicked people to His holy likeness (1:1)
 - b) Jesus Christ is one with God the Father (1b)
 - c) God hears and receives our prayers
 - d) God both chooses and loves His people (4)
 - e) God's Spirit grants true joy to His people
 - f) God's deeds can be imitated b/c we know Christ (6)
 - g) God's word goes out through His people (8)
 - h) God raised His Son from the dead (10b)
 - i) God's Son will return from heaven in due time (10a)
 - j) God's Son will rescue His people from His wrath (10c)

- 2) God's people give thanks, worshiping Jesus Christ for His works (2-5)
 - a) Praising God for the salvation of others
 - b) Citing the names of others in prayer
 - c) Highlighting the works of others on Christ's behalf
 - d) Recalling God's election of His people

- 3) God's faithful servants receive God's word and act on it (6-10)
 - a) The preached word of God transforms them
 - b) The Holy Spirit convicts them of sin
 - c) They observe holy men acting appropriately
 - d) They imitate the behavior of holy men and women
 - e) In good times or bad Christians are faithful, exhibiting spiritual joy
 - f) Christians are recognized as outstanding examples to all who know them