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The doctrines of grace, the life of the Spirit, to the glory of God

Regeneration, Conversion & Biblical Assurance

1 Thessalonians 1:2-10

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1 Thessalonians 1:2-10

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning 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. 4 For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. 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. 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.

For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because:

- *Brothers loved by God:*
 - *For we know that He (God) has chosen you, because:*
 - *Chosen: election (God's sovereign grace)*
 - **Romans 8:29-30** *For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.*
 - **Foreknowing (election) → Predestined → Called → Justified → Glorified**
- 1) *v5 our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction:*
- The gospel is the message of good news concerning Jesus Christ (death, burial, resurrection) (Proclaimed Rom 10:14-15, Matt 13:1-23, Rom 1:16, Ezek 36:22-31, 2 Cor 5:17)

For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because:

2) v6 *And you became imitators of us and of the Lord (Rom 8:29, 1 John 1:5-7, 1 Thess 4:3)*

- John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

3) *for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit*

- **1 Thess 2:13** *when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers. (1 John 5:3)*

4) v7 *so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. (1 Tim 4:12, Matt 5:14-16)*

5) 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. (Matthew 12:34, James 2:14-26)*

For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because:

6) v9 For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you (1 John 2:9-10, 1 John 3:11-18, John 13:35)

7) how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God (1 John 5:3)

- **Acts 19:19** And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver.*

8) v10 and to wait for his Son from heaven (2 Tim 4:8, Rom 8:23)