

Ten Identifying Marks of God's Elect – 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

1. **1:3a remembering your work of faith....**
Identifying Mark #1 – Work of Faith representing the transforming power of regeneration (Election) changing an individual's lifestyle.
2. **1:3b and labor of love....**
Identifying Mark #2 – Labor of Love represented by motivation to love others.
Jesus said we "should love our neighbor as our self." The Elect has a compassion for serving others.
3. **1:3c and steadfastness of hope....**
Identifying Mark #3 – Steadfastness of Hope All true Believers have HOPE in Christ because only God's Elect can have confidence in God's promises.
4. **1:5 our gospel came to you in power....**
Identifying Mark #4 – The gospel came to them in power, not just by preaching of the Word, but the Word was driven by the power of the Holy Spirit.
The Elect individual has the Holy Spirit's power living within him.
5. **1:6a you became imitators of us and of the Lord...**
Identifying Mark #5 – The Elect will live as much like (imitate) Christ as he/she can.
(in their environment) Habits and lifestyles change when you imitate the Lord.
6. **1:6b you received the word in much affliction and with Joy of the Holy Spirit...**
Identifying Mark #6 – The Elect will have - Joy in the Lord. No matter how tough the circumstances might be, a true Believer will never lose his Joy.
7. **1:7 so that you became an example to all believers....**
Identifying Mark #7 – One of the most effective ways of sharing Christ with the lost is to be an example (of Christ) in front of them. This is a trait of the God's Elect.
8. **1:8 not only has the word of the Lord sounded....your faith has gone forth everywhere**
Identifying Mark #8 – Faithfulness in proclaiming the gospel verifies the mark of the Elect of God.
9. **1:9 how you turn to God from idols....**
Identifying Mark #9 – Evidence of the Thessalonians' Election was turning from idol worship . When Christ is head of your life, there is no interest in other gods.
10. **1:10 to wait for His Son from heaven....**
Identifying Mark #10 – anticipating the return of Christ The Elect will long to see Christ. The longing to see Him is a clear evidence that God has chosen that Elect one.