

# Home Group Helps

## 1 Thessalonians 1:4-5

### *Living in the Light of His Return: Chosen by God*

<sup>4</sup> knowing, brethren beloved by God, *His* choice of you; <sup>5</sup> for our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.

**I. God's Choosing You (v.4)** – <sup>4</sup> knowing, brethren beloved by God, *His* choice of you;

1. **Scriptural Evidence**
2. **Theological Summary**
3. **Common Objections and Biblical Responses**

**II. God's Means for Choosing You (v.5a)** – <sup>5</sup> for our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction;

**III. God's Evidence of His Choosing You (v.5b)** – just as you know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.

#### **1. Launching Question(s):**

- What were/are some of your thoughts when you were first introduced to the Doctrine of Election?

#### **2. Observation Question(s):**

- Why does Paul call the Thessalonians “brethren?”

#### **3. Interpretation Question(s):**

- In vs. 4, Paul states that Christians (“brethren”) are chosen by God for salvation.
- What are some of the many other verses of Scripture that state or affirm this Doctrine of Election?
- What are some of the common objections to this doctrine and some Biblical responses to these objections?
- Looking at vs. 5a, we see the means that God uses to choose his own for salvation.
- What are the means mentioned in this text?

#### **4. Reflection Question(s):**

- Paul points to his and Silas's and Timothy's behavior amongst the Thessalonians as the kind of evidence of holy living that should demonstrate the genuine nature of God's choice of an individual.
- What are some of the evidences of God's saving choice mentioned in 1 Thess. 2:1-12?

#### **5. Application Question(s):**

- How might these truths affect your prayer life?