

DIVINE ELECTION AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE GOSPEL
(1 Thessalonians 1:4-5)

I. PAUL'S INTRODUCTION AND SALUATION (1:1)

II. PAUL'S COMENDATION CONCERNING THE THESSALONIANS (1:2-10)

A. His THANKSGIVING for them (1:2).... "*we give thanks ...making mention of you in our prayers.*"

B. His REMEMBERANCE of them (1:3-4a)... "*remembering without ceasing your...*"

C. His UNDERSTANDING of their ... ELECTION by God (1:4b-5)

* We need to understand our election is tied directly to the _____!(1:5)

1. Their election came about through what the Apostle Paul called the preaching of " _____"
_____ " (1:5)

- How should you understand this?

2. In verse 5, Paul gives ____ characteristics which describe the coming of the gospel to the Thessalonians. These characteristics speak of the confidence and character of the _____ as well as of their _____.

a. The *characteristics* of the _____ that Paul set forth:

1) The gospel came not in _____. (1 Cor. 2:1-5)

2) In contrast to merely man's persuasive ability, or a substituted religious service, the gospel came " _____." (Rom. 1:16)

3) The gospel came not only in power, but also "in the _____." (Acts 1:8, John 16:7-11)

4) The gospel came in power, in the H.S. and "*in such _____/_____*"
(2 Tim. 1:7-9)

b. The needed _____ *character* of God's _____.(1:5b)

1) This last section of vs 5, puts a **balance** on the presentation of the _____ and our _____ for Christ.

- How are we to understand this?

- What should this mean to you?

2) As Paul and his team preached the saving message of the gospel to those at Thessalonica, their lives were _____ selflessly, lovingly, righteously, blamelessly before them. Their life was _____ or in step with the _____ they proclaimed!

- Did Paul teach this attitude or characteristic in other places in scripture as well?

3) All of this speaks of the **human responsibility** we have to live _____ lives, as Christ's ambassadors. Never underestimate the power of a _____ testimony before others.

4) The gospel team's _____ gave credence to the message they proclaimed.

- How was this noted? Their life was...

a) “_____.”

b) for “_____.”

- What should all this mean to you?