

# Becoming One of God's Elect

## 1 Thessalonians 1

- *"Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God."*  
**1 Thessalonians 1:4**

- If you are elected by God, you are selected or chosen by God.

### **How did these idolatrous Thessalonians become part of God's elect?**

#### **1. First, they \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel of Jesus Christ. vs. 5, cf. Acts 17:1-3**

- People cannot be saved until they \_\_\_\_\_ the good news of Jesus.
- This is why Paul was a man on a \_\_\_\_\_.
- *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth..."* **Romans 1:16**

#### **2. Second, they \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord. vs. 9**

- Scripture repeatedly depicts God as appealing to man's reason, conscience, and will in order to persuade him to \_\_\_\_\_ and turn to the Lord.
- *"And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent."* **Acts 17:30**
- In any meaningful change of attitude or belief, the human \_\_\_\_\_ must be involved.

3. **Third, they received the Word of God by \_\_\_\_\_ vs. 6, 8, 2:13**  
**cf. Acts 17:4**

- According to Romans 8:33, the elect are those who have been \_\_\_\_\_ by God.
- How does one get justified before God?  
\_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ.

*“Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.”*

**Romans 3:28**

*“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”* **Romans 5:1**

- Nobody is part of God’s elect until he chooses to place his \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ.
- Jesus repeatedly offered salvation to \_\_\_\_\_ who would believe and receive Him.

*“... Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.”*

**John 7:37**

*“I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, ... ”* **John 10:9**

*“And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die... ?”* **John 11:26**

- God is pictured in the Bible as being merciful to \_\_\_\_\_.

**You can be \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s elect.**

- *Will you turn in faith to God and accept His Son Jesus Christ as your Savior?*