

“ARE YOU A WITNESS FOR JESUS CHRIST?”

(1 Thessalonians 1:4-7)

I. THE PRESCRIPT OF “1 THESSALONIANS” (1:1)

II. THEIR THANKSGIVING TO GOD FOR THE THESSALONIAN BELIEVERS. (1:2-10)

A. The MANNER of Giving Thanks – PRAYING TO GOD REPEATEDLY FOR OTHER BELIEVERS. (1:2)

B. The STIMULUS for Giving Thanks – REMEMBERING GOD’S WORKING IN OTHERS LIVES. (1:3)

C. The CAUSES for Giving Thanks – KNOWING... (1:4-10)

1. of other believer’s ELECTION BY GOD. (1:4-7)

a. Divine election involves being a special object of God’s _____ forever. (1:4a)

b. Divine election is indicated by the phrase _____. (1:4b)

c. Divine election consists of a _____ of you by God. (1:4c)

* Some concerns about the doctrine of election:

d. Divine election was evidenced by... (1:5)

d.1) The _____ of the _____ to the Thessalonians...

a) in _____ only.

b) in _____.

c) in the _____.

d) in _____.

e) by men with _____.

* What does this emphasize for us?

2) the RECEPTION of the GOSPEL by the Thessalonians... (1:6-7)

d.2) resulting in them becoming _____ of these
_____ and of the _____.

d.3) which involved them “having _____ the Word.”

* When and how did this happen?

* What circumstances surrounded this reception?

* What accompanied the reception of the Gospel?

* How did God use all this to encourage other believers?

* Could the same be said of you and WOGBC?