



Finish: The God of the Universe has Chosen You!

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Text: 1 Thessalonians 1:4-10

Passage Summary: As the church presses on toward the return of Christ, it is essential to realize that we can be used by God to make a _____ of _____!

180 Degree Truth #1: See that the church that is used by God to make a world of difference is the church that is _____ in the _____ of Christ! (1:1-3)

Application: Recognize that when it comes to the church that is established in the gospel of Christ, it is characterized by...

- Divine _____! (v.3)

See that Divine election involves a Spirit enabled...

_____ of the _____! (v.4-5a)

"But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ."

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14

Remember: When it comes to Divine election, insight into this mystery comes through the Spirit anointed _____ of the gospel; those who respond in repentance and faith show themselves to be _____ by God!

_____ to the _____! (v.5b-6)

"We ought always to thank God for you, brothers, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing. Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring."

2 Thessalonians 1:3-4

Remember: When it comes to Divine election, insight into this mystery comes in the form of _____ faith and _____ faith in the face of adversity; those who demonstrate this kind of fruit show themselves to be chosen by God!

_____ for the _____! (v.7-10)

"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him."

John 3:36

Remember: When it comes to Divine election, insight into this mystery comes in the form of a witness that God can use to make a world of _____; those who demonstrate this kind of _____ show themselves to be chosen by God!

"For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God."

1 Peter 1:18-21

Core Conviction to Live By: Resolutely determine amidst a world with many voices that can tell us things like I reject you, I despise you, I am disappointed in you, I cancel you, that you will hear another voice; the voice of _____ springing from the totality of His vast and majestic character saying, I _____ you!