

1 and 2 Thessalonians

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Lesson 2

1Thessalonians 1:4-10

1. Read 1 Thessalonians 1:4-10. According to verses 4-5, how did Paul know that the brothers in Thessalonica were loved and chosen by God? (See also 1 Cor. 2:14)
2. The doctrine of election – that God sovereignly elects or chooses some for salvation – is a constant theme in Paul’s letters. He repeats this in 2 Thessalonians 2:13. When did this choosing take place? (See also Ephesians 1:4) Think back to your answer in the previous question, how do you know you were chosen by God?
3. What does Paul mean by *our gospel* (v. 5), *the message* (v. 6), and *the Lord’s message* (v. 8)? (See also John 3:16-18, 1 Cor. 1:18-25 and Romans 1:16-17). All believers are called to share the gospel. What message would you share?
4. Paul could have emphasized many aspects of Jesus and his ministry and the Christian life. Why did he limit his central message to “Christ and him crucified”? (See 1 Cor. 2:1-5)
5. Paul encountered intense opposition everywhere he went – opposition which eventually led to his death. Should he have changed his method or his message in order to continue as a missionary and reach more people? Why or why not?
6. What was the effect of his message on the Thessalonians according to vv. 6-10?
7. What has been the effect of the gospel in your life? Ask yourself, have I *turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to wait for his Son from heaven?* (vv. 9-10)