

Sermon Notes January 14 2024

Christian Conversion

1 Thessalonians 1:4-10

"For we know, brothers, loved by God, that He has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit, and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come."

What made this an easy church for the likes of Paul to appreciate; and as vs. 8 says made so that they Vs. 4 Why did Paul have nothing negative to report? "God had _____ them.

1 Peter 2:9-10 *"But you are a chosen race, a _____ priesthood, a _____ nation..."*

Ephesians 1:4 says *"... He chose us in him _____ the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him."*

1 Peter 1:20 When was Christ chosen or foreordained to be our Savior? _____
the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you."

Calvinism - _____ chooses some and they are the elect.

Arminianism - God chooses according to His foreknowledge of who will _____
to the Gospel when it is presented.

They both end up with God desiring people to _____ and come to faith .

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14 calls this the _____ work of the Holy Spirit.
"But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ."

God _____. We _____ the Gospel.

1 Thessalonians 1:6 They were commended for _____ others.

Vs. 7 *"so that you became an _____ to all the believers..."*

Vs. 8 They _____ the Gospel to others.

Vs. 9 They had *"turned to _____ from idols"*.

Vs. 10 They were looking forward to the _____ of _____.