

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for April 13-14, 1996

"What Every Church Should Be"

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

An elect people (1 Thessalonians 1:1-4)

Choice (EKLEGO) - Denotes a picking out.

What characterizes the chosen or elect? (1 Thessalonians 1:3)

1. A faith that works
2. A love that labors
3. A hope that perseveres

An exemplary people (1 Thessalonians 1:5-7)

They received the Word (1 Thessalonians 1:5)

They followed their spiritual leaders (1 Thessalonians 1:6)

They encouraged other churches (1 Thessalonians 1:7)

An enthusiastic people (1 Thessalonians 1:8)

"sounded forth" means "to trumpet"

They were as eager to proclaim the Word as they were to receive the Word.

An expectant people (1 Thessalonians 1:9-10)

Expecting the Lord's return is:

A motivation for soul winning(1 Thessalonians 2:19-20)

A motivation for stable living(1 Thessalonians 3:11-13)

A comfort in sorrow (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

An encouragement for godly living (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)