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**“What the Church Should Be” (Part 5)**

**I Thessalonians 1:10**

**INTRODUCTION**

* KEY POINT: A godly church is elect, exemplary, enthusiastic, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**EXPOSITION: What Made the Church Worthy of Emulation? (vs. 3-10)**

1. They were known for working out their faith (vs. 3a).
2. They were known for loving to serve others (vs. 3b).
3. They were known for persevering with hope (vs. 3c).
4. They were known for their election by God (vs. 4).
5. They were known for their reception of the Word (vs. 5).
6. They were known for their disciple-making (vs. 6a, 7).
7. They were known for their willingness to suffer (vs. 6b).
8. They were known for rejoicing in the Holy Spirit (vs. 6c).
9. They were known for impacting their community (vs. 8-9).
10. They were known for their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 10).

* I Thessalonians 2:19-20; I Thessalonians 3:13; I Thessalonians 4:13-18; I Thessalonians 5:1-11
* *“From Heaven?”*
* Ephesians 4:10; Luke 19:10
* Delivered from What Kind of Wrath?

**CONCLUSION**

**TAKE IT A STEP FURTHER**

1. Go back through the list of qualities of a godly church and measure how you believe WBC is doing compared to the Thessalonians.
2. What practical steps can you take to help WBC grow in those areas of weakness.
3. Book Recommendation: *What Would Jesus Say About Your Church?* by Richard Mayhue