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## **4 Marks of a Captivated Church**

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### **Paul teaches based on Relationship—V. 2-3**

**2** We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, **3** remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Paul begins to acknowledge—this is a faithful church. Captivated Church—V. 4-5a**

**4** For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, **5** because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

- **Acts 13:48** And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.
- **Romans 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes

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### **V. 5b-7**

You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. **6** 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, **7** so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

### **Mark #1—Imitation**

- **1 Cor. 11:1** Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

**8** 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.

### **Mark # 2—Proclamation**

### **Mark #3—Demonstration**

**9** 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, **10** and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

### **Mark #4—Dedication**

- Turned to God, away from evil.
- Worked.
- Waited.
- **Mark of a Captivated church is that Jesus is everything. Not just part of a well-rounded life. He IS life. Renouncing evil. Working for Lord. Waiting upon His return.**