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1 Thess. 1:1-3 NIV

“For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has **chosen** you...” 1 Thess. 1:4

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