

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14 Major Info on *Election & Calling* As They Relate to Salvation

Contextual Relationship: The contrast between Antichrist & his followers and Christ & His followers:

- 2:1-12 Antichrist and his followers
- 2:13-14 Christ and His followers

NKJ 13 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, 14 to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Relative to Believers:

V. 13a You (we) are _____ ones of the Lord.

V. 13b Because God chose* you (us)...

* ἔλατο / heilato = Aorist Tense, Middle Voice (from αἵρέω / haireo in the Middle Voice = “to take,” “to choose,” “to take to one’s self”). *Haireo* is only used in the Middle Voice in the New Testament.

- **from** the beginning: of the Gospel in Thessalonica

- **for, unto** (εἰς / eis) *salvation* = the _____ salvific-deliverance package: i.e., CONTEXTUALLY, YOUR CONDITION IS IN DIRECT CONTRAST TO THAT OF ANTICHRIST AND HIS FOLLOWERS!

- **through, by** (ἐν / en) two elements / two invisible realities:

- 1) sanctification (conviction) of Spirit (as per John 16:8) { God’s responsibility
- 2) _____ of truth (the Gospel, the New Testament, etc., compare 1 Thessalonians 2:13 and 1 Peter 1:1-2) { Our responsibility

NOTE: God did not call us that we might believe: He called us through belief (or in the sphere of belief)!

V. 14a You (we) were called by God into _____ salvation-package-plan.

where unto (K.J.) }
into which (N.K.J.) } = εἰς ὃ / eis ho = into the entire salvation-sanctification process

Critical observations:

- *Election* in Paul's letters is always in the past.
- *Calling* is always in time.
- *Calling* in some uses relates to one's function in the Body (Church), i.e., Romans 1:1.
- *Calling* in some uses relates to entry into the benefits of God's plan, i.e., 1 Corinthians 1:2, 22-30.
- *Calling* is by means of the Gospel.

V. 14b You (we) are _____ - _____ toward acquisition of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- This in contrast to perdition of the followers of the Man of Sin (the Antichrist).

Conclusions:

- ❖ Every believer is called into a salvific-package-plan that originates with God... NOT with man. It is the Gospel pure and simple that calls us into this plan. 2 Thess. 2:14.
- ❖ Belief (faith) in this Gospel is the non-meritorious means by which man enters into this salvific reality, Romans 3:27.
- ❖ Man is not justified in God's eyes by election: He is justified by faith in the reality of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ! Romans 3:24-28.