

PAUL'S THANKSGIVING & PRAYER FOR THESE SAINTS
(2 Thessalonians 2:13-17)

I. Paul's ENCOURAGEMENT In Light of Their Present Persecution (chp 1)

II. Paul's EXPLANATION Concerning the "Day of the Lord" (chp 2)

A. Don't Be _____ About the Coming Day of the Lord! (2:1-3)

B. Understand the Facts about The Lord's Soon _____ & The Man of Sin's _____ (2:4-12)

C. Heed Paul's _____ In Light of Your So Great Salvation (2:13-17)

1. We are bound to give thanks to God for you always (2:13a)

2. For God from the beginning chose to initiate His plan of salvation for you? (2:13b-14)

a. this plan was initiated by means of God's divine choosing... "...*God from the beginning chose you for salvation*"

b. this plan was furthered by means of the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit.

c. this plan is accepted by means of individual sinners personally believing the truth.

d. this plan is offered in time by God's calling.

e. this plan was presented *specifically*: by means of the gospel message.

- Who does all this speak of?

Concerning the biblical balance of election: God in His sovereign grace has _____ to save those who He foreknew would _____ to believe in His Son for their salvation. God is the initiator, the source of conviction, and the consummator of salvation, but God holds man _____ for his acceptance or rejection of Jesus Christ as personal Savior. (Jn 3:36)

3. In light of your so great salvation, here are 2 _____ you need to heed:

a. Brethren, _____, and

b. Hold to the _____ you have heard!

- Why were they told to do this?

- How had they received this truth?
- How was God's revelation passed on prior to these written documents?
- What does he say there about how the Thessalonians received God's word?

4. In light of your so great salvation, consider God's _____ to you!

1) _____

2) good _____ by _____

5. In light of so great salvation consider our Lord's _____ for you personally:

a. to _____ your hearts, and

b. to _____ you in every good word & work

- What will this require on your part?