

CHOSEN FOR SALVATION (2 Thessalonians 2:13-15)

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 Day of the Lord! (2:1-3)

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

C. Heed Paul's _____ In Light of Your So Great Salvation (2:13-15)

1. Paul was bound to _____ to God for you – your _____ (2:13a)

* Question: If one rejects Christ before the rapture, can that person be saved after the rapture, during the tribulation?

2. How did their _____ come about? (2:13b-14)

a. by means of God's _____ ... "*...God from the beginning _____ you for salvation*"

* How is "election" viewed theologically?

1) God made a sovereign choice to save the elect—and the choice was totally His, not man's – this is called _____!

2) Others emphasizes free will and man's responsibility to choose for himself—they see election only from man's side via free will. This is called _____!

3) A balanced biblical view —it upholds God's sovereignty and election, but also allows for man's responsibility to choose in order to be saved. This is called _____!

• How is this idea of election or God's choice used in scripture?

It is used to refer to

1) God's choice of the _____ as His "Chosen People" (Deut. 7:6-9)

2) It refers to individual _____ believers. (John 15:16)

3) It refers to individual _____ believers. (Eph. 1:4; 2 Thess. 2:13-14; 1 Peter 1:2)

b. by means of the _____ work of the _____.

c. by means of the _____.

d. by means of sinners personally _____ the truth

e. The divine order concerning God's plan of salvation is

- 1) _____—which is the omniscience of God for all things.
- 2) _____—the act of God choosing those He foreknew would believe.
- 3) _____ by means of the _____ – both:
- 4) Providing the _____ or facts from scripture
- 5) God _____ us or _____ to respond.

*How is this accomplished practically?

f. specifically: by means of the good news of the _____

g. Salvation is designed to result in sinners obtaining _____.

- Who was personally responsible for giving His life for our salvation?

***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. Paul's _____ to the saints in light of obtaining eternal glory:

a. _____ in the great salvation you have obtained, and

b. _____ fast to the instruction you have received

Whether ... By _____ or verbal instruction, or by _____ or _____.