

*Paul's Letter to the
Church at Thessalonica*



II Thessalonians

"CHOSEN FOR SALVATION"
(2 Thessalonians 2:13-17)

"THE DANGER OF DECEPTION"

The Coming of the Lord



❖ **Would not occur UNTIL:**

- ❖ "The falling away occurs first" - 3
- ❖ "The man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition" - 3-6
- ❖ The mystery of iniquity was already at work - 7
- ❖ Destroyed by the Lord - 8
- ❖ After Satan / Lies - 9
- ❖ Those deceived will also be destroyed - 10-12

2 Thessalonians 2:13–17 (NKJV)

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¹⁵ Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle.

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given *us* everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work.

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Unbelievers

CONTRASTED

Believers

2 Thessalonians 2:9-12 (NKJV)

9 . . . ¹⁰ and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. ¹¹ And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, ¹² that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

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- ❖ They did not receive the love of the truth,
- ❖ That they should believe the lie,
- ❖ They all may be condemned who did not believe the truth . . .

2 Thes 2:13-14

- ❖ ... for you, brethren beloved by the Lord,
- ❖ God from the beginning chose you for salvation
- ❖ through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth
- ❖ He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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2 Thes 2:9-12

LOST

The unbelieving
class because
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2 Thes 2:13-14

SAVED

The believing
class – seeing
they had believed
the truth - 13,14

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"to take," is used in the Middle Voice only, in the sense of taking for oneself, choosing, 2 Thess. 2:13, of a "choice" made by God (as in Deut. 7:6, 7; Deut. 26:18, Sept.); in Phil. 1:22; Heb. 11:25, of human "choice." Its special significance is to select rather by the act of taking, than by showing preference or favor.
— Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words

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Ephesians 1:3-4 (NKJV)

³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, ⁴ just as **He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,

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1 Peter 1:2 (NKJV)

² elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.

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Chosen Through Means

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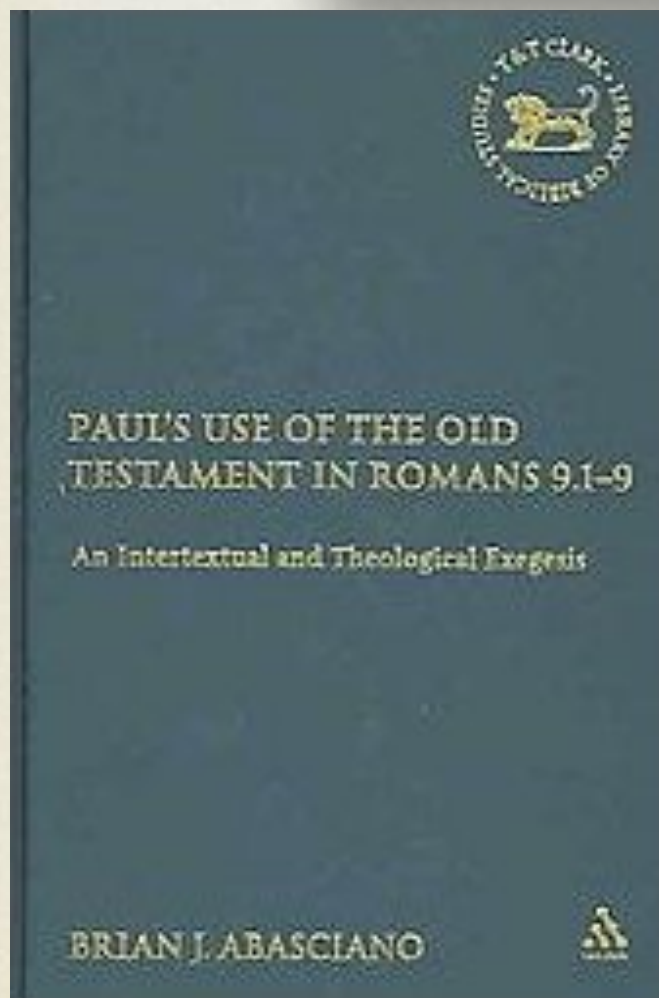
"through <en – in/through> sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, ¹⁴ to which He called you by our gospel,"

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“The most natural reading of 2 Thes 2:13 in Greek is actually that "in sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth" do NOT modify "salvation" at all, but the verb "chose".

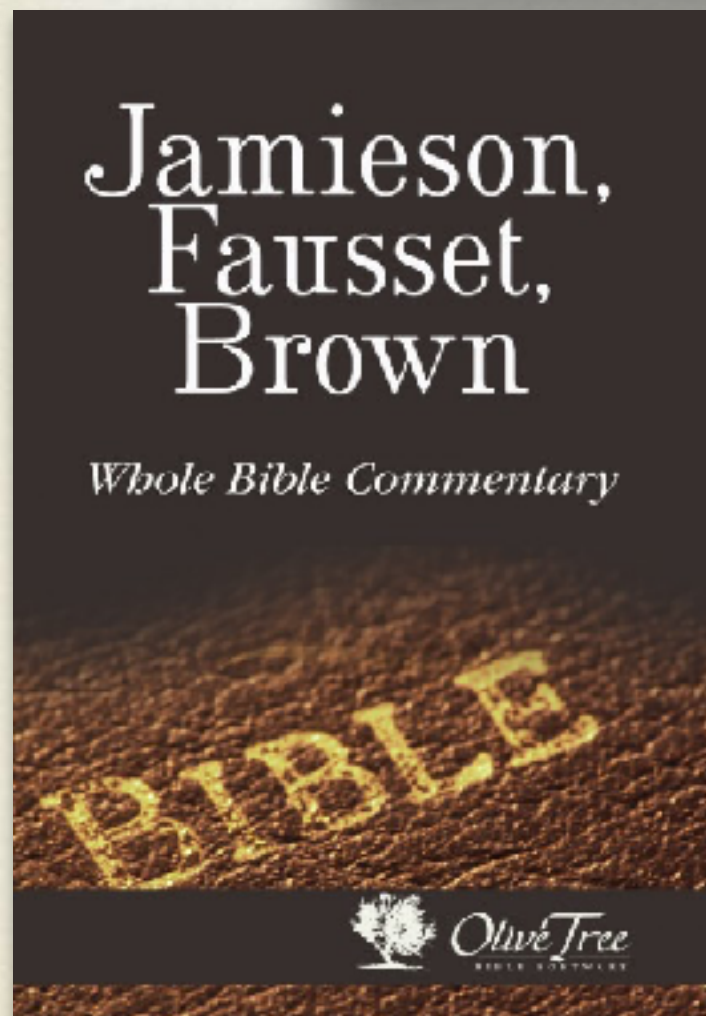
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Through -- rather as Greek, "in sanctification" as the element in which the choice to salvation had place (compare 1Pe 1:2), standing in contrast to the "unrighteousness," —
Jamieson-Fausset-Brown Bible Commentary

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Ephesians 1:13-14 (NKJV)

¹³ In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

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Ephesians 3:6 (NKJV)

⁶ that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel,

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Ephesians 2:12-13 (NKJV)

¹² that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

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1 Peter 1:22-23 (NKJV)

²² Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, ²³ having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever,

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- ❖ **Brethren** – those Gentiles within the chosen sphere – “In Christ”
- ❖ **Chosen & Saved** – in / through the means of the Spirit and belief of the truth.
- ❖ **Called By Our Gospel** - Called into this chosen sphere by the gospel.
- ❖ **For the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ** – something they did not previously have.

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- ◆ This text affirms corporate election - NOT unconditional election - 1 Peter 2:4-10
- ◆ Only those in Christ are within the chosen sphere – (2:4-10; Eph. 1:3-13)
- ◆ God foreknew that He would save all those in Christ – (1:10-12, 17-21; 2:4-10; Eph. 1:3-13; 3:1-11; Rom. 16:25, 26)

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❖ **CALVINISM:** *God chose them to believe* - God is responsible for the unbelief of every person that is condemned.

❖ **THE BIBLE:** God chose them that believe - God is NOT responsible for the unbelief of any person that is condemned.

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Stand Fast:

- ◆ Holding to the traditions of the apostles - 2Th 2:15; 1Co 11:2
- ◆ Whether by word (*orally*) or by epistle (*written*) - 2Th 3:6; Acts 2:42
- ◆ If we desire to stand fast, we must hold to the teachings of the apostles - Acts 2:42

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2 Timothy 3:10–17 (NKJV)

¹⁰ But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, ¹¹ persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And out of *them* all the Lord delivered me. ¹² Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

2 Timothy 3:10–17 (NKJV)

¹³ But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴ But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, ¹⁵ and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 3:10–17 (NKJV)

¹⁶ All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.