Northwest Bible Church – Feb. 4, 2024 – 2 Thess. – Alan Conner

**2 Thess. 2:13-14**

Thanksgiving to God for our Election

Intro

**A. RESPONSIBILITY OF GIVING THANKS TO GOD (2 Thess. 2:13).**

 1. When? Cf. 1 Thess. 1:2; 2 Thess. 1:3.

 2. For whom?

 a. brethren

 b. beloved by the Lord

**B. REASONS FOR GIVING THANKS TO GOD (2 Thess. 2:13-14).**

 1. God chose you (2 Thess. 2:13).

 a. “chosen” 1 Thess. 1:4

 b. When? From the beginning. Eph. 1:4, Rev. 13:8.

 What about the ESV – “*firstfruits*”?

 c. Purpose? For salvation. 1 Thess. 5:8-9.

 d. Means of our salvation (2 Thess. 2:13b).

 (1) sanctification by the Spirit (2 Thess. 2:13b).

 (2) faith in the truth (2 Thess. 2:13b).

 2. God called you (2 Thess. 2:14a).

 a. Effectual call –

 b. Thru gospel preaching. Jas. 1:18; 1 Pet. 1:23

 3. God will glorify you (2 Thess. 2:14b).

 a. Gain the glory.

 b. The eternal span of our salvation

Conclusion

*For discussion: What can we learn about giving thanks from this passage? Why should we give thanks to God for choosing us? Calling us? Glorifying us? How can we develop a more consistent practice of giving thanks to God?*