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?*