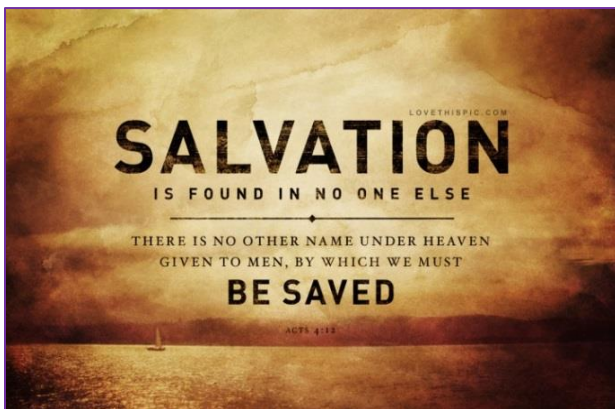




Paul encourages the believers at Thessalonica to remember God's choice of them through the sanctification of the Holy Spirit obtaining the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. In addition, Paul urges the Thessalonians to stand firm on proper teaching. He then prays that Jesus Himself and God the Father will comfort their hearts and establish them in every good word and work.

Outline

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Truths & Principles

- ✓ Be thankful for the believers that God puts in your path to be sources of encouragement and correction.
- ✓ If you are a believer, God has chosen you for salvation through sanctification by the Holy Spirit and belief in the truth.
- ✓ Salvation has three tenses; past (Justification), present (Sanctification) and future (Glorification).
- ✓ Jesus is the Truth.

Applications

- ✓ We should thank God for those believers who bless us and let them know that we are doing so.
- ✓ We should never forget what Christ did for us; paying the price for our salvation.
- ✓ We should understand the Gospel, so that we can appreciate all that God has done for us, and to be able to give an answer to all who ask – “*what is the hope that is inside you?*”



Test all things; hold fast what is good. 1 Thessalonians 5:21

1. Who is bound to give thanks, and to whom is the thanks being given (2:13)? _____
2. Why is the thanks being given (2:13)? _____
3. When were you chosen for salvation (2:13)? _____
4. What does salvation come through (2:13)? _____
5. Who called the believers, and by what means (2:14)? _____
6. What do believers obtain at salvation (2:14)? _____
7. What does Paul say we should do now that we are saved (2:15)? _____
8. Who does Paul say has loved us (2:16)? _____
9. What have we been given (2:16)? _____
10. Who is comforting and establishing (2:17)? _____
11. What does Paul pray that we be established in (2:17)? _____

Study Questions

1. Consider Paul's use of the phrase "bound to give thanks to God" in **VERSE 13**.
 - ❖ Why do you think Paul was compelled to use such a strong expression?
 - ❖ How often was this offering of thanks made to God?
 - ❖ Are there fellow believers that feel the same way about you?
 - ❖ Do you feel the same way about your fellow believers?
2. Reflect on Paul's presentation of salvation in **VERSES 13-15**.
 - ❖ What comfort can you glean from knowing God's choice concerning you was from the beginning?
 - ❖ Paul tells us salvation is through sanctification. What does this mean?
 - ❖ Consider how sanctification affects the priorities of your life? How it affects your relationships? With God? With others?
3. Ponder Paul's use of the term "traditions" in **VERSE 15**.
 - ❖ How can you tell what traditions are good?
 - ❖ How can you tell what traditions are bad?
 - ❖ How can you tell what traditions are harmless?
4. Reflect on all that God has done, and will do, for us in **VERSES 16-17**.
 - ❖ Can you prove the Deity of Christ from these verses? If so, how?
 - ❖ How is God working in us the basis of hope for tomorrow?
 - ❖ Who is responsible for establishing you in every good word and work?
 - ❖ Aren't you glad it's not you?