

II Thessalonians 04 - (2:11-14)

God's Choice of Salvation

*"For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith:
as it is written, The just shall live by faith. "*
- Rom 1:17

1. 2:11 – God's Strong Delusion

- a. Why does God do this? – "because they received not..." - 2:10
- b. Is God being unrighteous? : No! This is righteous judgment! – 2 Thess 1:6
- c. They are without excuse; right and wrong is revealed – Rom 1:17-20
 - i. They rejected God's provision and remain unrighteous – 2 Th 1:8
 - ii. It is sent to "them that perish" the unrighteous – 2:10
- d. The holiness of truth - 1 Kings 22:4, The lie 22:12, the vision 22:16-23
 - i. Go and understand not! - Isaiah 6:8-11
 - ii. Seeing, they see not, lest they be converted – Mat 13:13
 - iii. That which is holy is reserved → Mat 7:6; Pro 2:6; 23:9, Pro 26:1,5
- e. What is the lie? → Perhaps the evil of 2:9; or parable
 - i. God uses the wicked as tools of wrath - Isa 10:5-6, 1 Tim 1:20
 - ii. He uses the Gentile nations for his judgment - Jer 5:11-18
 - iii. How is this accomplished? - Lev 26:32-33
 - iv. God hides understanding from the disobedient - Isa 29:10-14

2. 2:12 – The Damnation of the Unrighteousness

- a. Who is damned? → "believe not the truth"; not random chosen people
- b. Calvin's God chooses the damned; but Just God damns unrighteousness
- c. This is not a capricious act towards innocent people – "pleasure" 2:12
- d. The wrath of God is revealed - Rom 1:18, 32, 1 Tim 4:1-2
- e. Their hearts are hardened – Rom 2:5, John 12:49
- f. Can these people avoid this? Yes! → Eze 18:5-9, Heb 3:13-14, 1 Jn 1:9
- g. But they don't → Rev 9:20-21, 16:9-11

3. 2:13 – God's Choice of Salvation (*it's a purpose, not people*)

- a. "beloved of the Lord" – why are they beloved? → Rom 5:8, Eph 4:32
- b. What was "before the world"? – Eph 3:9-10, Rom 16:25
- c. Predestination: Christ was in the beginning, not you – Eph 1:5-6
- d. We are chosen "in him" before the foundation – Eph 1:4
- e. Predestinated according to the purpose - Eph 1:11-6
- f. The destination: salvation through... 2 Tim 1:9

4. 2:14 – God's Call By the Gospel

- a. Our calling – 1 Cor 1:2,1:9, Eph 4:4, Gal 5:1
- b. Calvin's calling God's capricious manipulation – Rom 9:11-16
- c. God has chosen and called the saved by faith in Jesus Christ!
- d. How are they called? → Preaching! - 1 Cor 1:23-24, Rom 10:14-16
- e. People can be removed from the calling – Gal 1:6, 5:7-8