

“The Calm Assurance of Election” (2 Thessalonians 2:13–17)

**Big Idea: God’s electing love gives stable assurance in our hope of glory.**

I. Assured Thanksgiving Warranted for the Elect (verses 13–14)

- a. God chose his own to show special love.
- b. God chose his own to save them as firstfruits.

Ephesians 1:3–6; James 1:17–18; Revelation 14:1–5; Jeremiah 2:2–3

- c. God’s elect are saved through the Spirit’s sanctification.

1 Corinthians 1:30; Titus 3:3–7

- d. God’s elect are saved through believing the truth.
- e. God’s elect are called to this salvation through the gospel.

1 Thessalonians 2:13

- f. This call results in the elect sharing Christ’s glory.

2 Thessalonians 1:10–12

II. Faithful Stability Commanded of the Elect (verse 15)

- a. These elect brethren must keep hold of the apostles’ teaching.
- b. These elect brethren are thus enabled to reject counterfeits and stand firm.

1 Thessalonians 2:1–2; Luke 8:18

III. Stable Goodness Requested for the Elect (verses 16–17)

- a. God has already given the elect eternal love and hope by his grace.
- b. God will activate these provisions to produce goodness in them.