

“Search the Scriptures !”

Election – Is it for salvation or for the blessings once we have received Christ and He has saved us ?

There are several Greek words used for « chosen » or « elect ».

They should not be lumped together without any distinction.

In the following verse the word is *ειλατο* from *αιρέομαι*, to take to oneself, and NOT *ἐκλεκτός*.

But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning **chosen** you *to salvation* through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:
2 Thessalonians 2:13 KJV

This old English translation has led, or was intentionally falsified, to defend Calvinism’s TULIP*.

But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has **chosen** you *from the beginning for salvation* through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.
2 Thessalonians 2:13 NASB

Most modern translation follow the KJV blindly, without regard to the Greek text !

But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God **chose** you *as the firstfruits to be saved*, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.
2 Thessalonians 2:13 ESV

The ESV finally breaks lock-step with Calvinism and does an honest job of translation.
God did not chose them to be saved, but as the first fruits to be saved in their region.

Through sanctification of the Spirit *and belief of the truth*.

ALL translations have this qualifying part of the verse that clearly explains how we are saved.
God sanctifies, but we must believe.
The choice is 100% ours.
There is NO irresistible grace in the Bible.

* TULIP represents the Five Points of Calvinism :

T for total depravity

U for unconditional election

L for limited atonement

I for irresistible grace

P for preservation of the saints

As we have seen once again, as in all verses taken out of context or mistranslated by Calvinists, the core of TULIP is not biblical. This is NOT a verse that supports their doctrine. From U to I it is false doctrine, laying stumbling stones on the road to salvation right in front of blind sinners. May God bring Calvinists to repentance for such an awful crime condemned both in the Old Testament and the New Testament.