

# What Are You Thankful For?

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14





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- The doctrine of election elevates the grace and mercy of God.

# Romans 9:15-16



- <sup>15</sup> For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."
- <sup>16</sup> So then it depends not on human will or exertion, *but on God, who has mercy.*



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- The doctrine of election elevates the grace and mercy of God.
- The doctrine of election rightly understood brings assurance.



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- The Holy Spirit illuminates our mind.

# 1 Corinthians 2:12-13



<sup>12</sup> Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God,

<sup>13</sup> which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.



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- The Holy Spirit illuminates our mind.
- The Holy Spirit renews our mind.

# Titus 3:5



5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

# 1 Thessalonians 2:13



<sup>13</sup> For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted *it not as the word of men, but for what it really is, the word of God,* which also performs its work in you who *believe.*

# Philippians 2:12-13



<sup>12</sup> So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, *work out your salvation with fear and trembling;*

<sup>13</sup> for it is *God who is at work in you,* both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure.



*“Without God, we cannot. Without us, God will not.”* – Augustine (or another writer reworking another quote of Augustine)



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*“The longer I live, the more I am enabled to realize that I have but one life to live on earth, and that this one life is but a brief life, for sowing, in comparison with eternity, for reaping.”*

*– George Müller*