

**SERIES: Grace Anatomy**  
The Missional Church Is Full Of Hope—  
How Grace Encourages The Soul  
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**Steps to Sanctification**

**Focus Text: 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17**

But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup>He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup>So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter. <sup>16</sup>May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, <sup>17</sup>encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

1. **Be encouraged because God has \_\_\_\_\_ you. "...from the beginning God chose you..." v. 13**

I am chosen...

It says "I am \_\_\_\_\_." "He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will,..." Ephesians 1:5

It says "I \_\_\_\_\_." "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: <sup>15</sup>who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." John 1:13

It says "I have a \_\_\_\_\_." "For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified." Romans 8:29-29

It says more about the \_\_\_\_\_ than the \_\_\_\_\_.

- II. Be encouraged because God is \_\_\_\_\_ you. "...to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth." V.13**

Sanctification is the ongoing process of growth through the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, who is leading believers to become what God intends them to be. *Malcolm Tolbert*

- A. See \_\_\_\_\_ as God does. Holiness is about loving God and hating sin. (Zechariah 8:17) (Habakkuk 1:13)

- B. Admit that, by yourself, you are \_\_\_\_\_ in your attempt to overcome sin. Only God can empower you to overcome sin. (Romans 7:21-25) (Philippians 4:13)

1. Let God set your \_\_\_\_\_
2. Live as if each moment were your \_\_\_\_\_
3. Review your day with \_\_\_\_\_
4. Surround yourself with \_\_\_\_\_ who will be honest with you
5. Rejoice in the good God has given
6. \_\_\_\_\_ freely and seek \_\_\_\_\_ quickly
7. Let \_\_\_\_\_ of heart and life prevail
8. Share your \_\_\_\_\_ consistently
9. Feed on \_\_\_\_\_ continually
10. \_\_\_\_\_ constantly

- C. Know your \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>1</sup>He called you to this through our gospel, ..." v.14a

Your good news – \_\_\_\_\_ – good news of Christ  
Your good news – \_\_\_\_\_ – how Christ is shown in me  
"... for our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction." 1 Thess. 1:5

- III. Be encouraged because God will \_\_\_\_\_ you.**  
"... that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ." v.14b

**Personal Application:**

- 1) As a Christian, celebrate the fact that God has chosen you.
- 2) Target areas of your life that need to be yielded to Christ's control.
- 3) Manifest the Gospel in your life so that God can be glorified.

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