

## IRRESISTIBLE GRACE OR THE EFFECTUAL CALL OF GOD GRACE APPLIED ”

**TEXT: II Thessalonians 2:13-14**

### INTRO:

#### A. God calls men.

1. There is a "general" call that is made by God through "outward means" ALONE!
  - a. This call is the "commands" of the scripture (Acts 17:30; Mark 1:14-15).
  - b. This Call is ALWAYS resisted (Acts 7:51-54; John 5:40).
  - c. This call will accomplish all that it is intended to accomplish (Isa. 55:11; II Cor. 2:14-16).
2. God sometimes sees fit to make this outward call effectual.
  - a. It is the "outward call of the gospel" that God makes effectual to some (II Thess. 2:13-14; I Thess. 2:13)
  - b. At God's appointed time, He "effects" this call in the elect (Rom. 8:28-30; Jn. 10:26-30).
    - 1.) When the call of God is made effectual it EFFECTS those to whom it is sent.
    - 2.) It continues to "effect" those that he calls - "effectually Worketh" (I Thess. 2:13)

#### B. This effectual call of God has a PURPOSE behind it (Romans 8:28)

1. The call's purpose involves WHO calls, WHO is called, WHY they are called, WHERE they are called to, and WHAT they are called to.
2. It is a real call that involves real results.

### I. THE CALL OF GOD IS A CALL TO SALVATION.

#### A. It is a call that God uses to bring about "salvation" (II Thess. 2:13-14; I Thess. 1:5; Rom. 1:16).

1. God truly displays his power in bringing about salvation through a message (Rom. 1:18-31)!

#### B. It is through the "substance" of this message that we are delivered from all the consequences of sin (Acts 4:12; Titus 3:5-6).

### II. THE CALL OF GOD IS TO A NEW KINGDOM.

#### A. It is a call into HIS Kingdom (1 Thess. 2:12).

1. This denotes a call to HIS Lordship.
  - a. The call involves the "hearing" and the following of the one called (Jn. 10:26-30).
  - b. The call TO salvation is a call to BELIEVE on the LORD Jesus Christ (Acts 16:29-31).

#### B. This call is a call that transforms and translates us (Colossians 1:13)

1. It is a call that "delivers" us from the power of Satan - it REMOVES us from his kingdom.
2. It is a call that "translates" us to a new kingdom and a new relationship - SONS (I Peter 2:9-10).

### III. THE CALL OF GOD IS TO A NEW LIFE STYLE

#### A. God calls us unto holiness (1 Thess. 4:7).

1. It is a call to live a different kind of life - Holiness verses "uncleanness".
  - a. It is a call FROM our old way of life (I Thess 4:3-5).
  - b. It is a call from what we WERE (Titus 3:3-6; I Cor. 6:9-11).

#### B. It is a call to be FIT SUBJECTS for SERVICE.

1. We are called to be "saints" (1 Cor. 1:2) - "Saints" (most holy thing) - separated FOR service.

### IV. THE CALL OF GOD IS TO A BETTER FUTURE.

#### A. It is a call to eternal GLORY (I Pet. 5:10; II Pet.1:3-4).

1. The call and allurements of the world is to eternal damnation, but the call of God is to "glory".

#### B. It is a call to HEAVEN (Heb. 3:1).

1. It is made from heaven, to make us fit for heaven, that one day we may ENJOY heaven!

### CON:

#### A. This is an important calling! Without it you are doomed!

1. Make sure you have this call (2 Peter 1:10).