

Pastor's Pen **Unspiritual Illusionary Mindset**

In this age of quick-fix problem solving and philosophical solutions for all things, many of God's people are unfortunately drawn into this unspiritual illusionary mindset. It is essential for God's people to dwelling accordance with the dictate of His sovereign arrangements. We must all understand that we exist and move at the pleasure of God's will (Acts 17:26-28; Eph. 1:5,9).

In the Apostle Paul's second epistle to the church at Thessalonica he states, (Greek text) "Because of this also we at all times are in prayer for you, that God may consider you worthy of His calling and may fulfill all the good pleasure of (His) goodness and the work of faith in power (I Thess. 1:11). Note the Greek expression "ee o keh", rendered "because of this also" or "wherefore also" or "to this end also"; as it basically gives reference to the antecedent verse's (II Thess. 1: 10) testimony of God's ultimate purpose in us. Of a surety, the day will come when our Lord is glorified in the saint (ahy-ee.ees) and he will be supremely admired and marveled at among all those who have believed.

It is to this purpose that our calling (klee-seh.os) is designed. In verse eleven Paul's continuous prayer (petition) is God's imputation of His righteousness which results in God's elect worthiness in receiving the culmination of that initial act of the "good pleasure of (His) goodness.

Here note the Greek phrase "plee.ro.see pahs.ahn ehv.thok.ee.ahn ahg.ah.thos.ee.ness", translated "fulfill all the good pleasure of goodness". Note the genitive of possession connotes that all is God's good pleasure (ehvthokeeahn) and "goodness" or "generosity" (ahgahthoseenees).

This "all" (pahsahn) entails the following: 1. The goodness of God, i.e. His own innate eternal kindness that has led Him to elect some in eternity and in time calls us unto salvation. 2. It is the please of His goodness to save (deliver) us unto eternal life and 3. It is the good pleasure of God to receive us and retain us in an everlasting relationship and fellowship in the ending phrase of II Thess. 1:11, Paul describes how God accomplishes His purpose, (Greek) "ehr.gon peest.eh.os ehn theen.ahn.ee", rendered "the work of faith in power". Here he delineates the faithfulness of God in exercising His power to bring to pass or fulfill that, which obviously pleases Him.

The Grace Gospel Church Ministry believes and teaches that God has called His elect in this dispensation by our gospel (the Mystery) to the acquiring or possession of the glory of our lord Jesus Christ (II Thess 2;14). We believe that our eternal existence (in Him) transcends all other thing that may be incidental to our eternal state in Him (I Corth. 8:6; I Thess. 2:12).