

through the Gospel in the appearing of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. To be holy means to be set apart for God. Holiness is a word describing the condition of those who are set apart for the Lord. It has sometimes been a mockery in our day and some have held it to ridicule but there is only one life for the believer and that is a life of holiness.. ..a life plainly marked by our identification with the Lord. We read in 1 Corinthians 1 that Christ is made our "sanctification" (holiness) and in 1 Peter 1 that as God who has called us is holy we are to be holy. It is the common factor expected of all saints in every age..holiness. Well expressed, it is, in 1 Thessalonians 4:3. The aspect is to recall in all walks of life that we are His and are to live by what honors Him.

b. What is the basis of this calling?  
His own purpose and grace!

In the will of God, we shall one day be like the Son of God (1 John 3). It is purposed that He will be glorified in us and we shall be to the praise of His glory. It would be a strange thing if all of this holiness merely had future reference. Note that the basis is a matter of His grace. How thankful that truth should compel us to be. Of course, with this purpose and grace it should also be apparent that the power of fulfillment is there...God would hardly purpose what could not be achieved.

c. How is this purpose attained? By  
honoring the gift given us...and applying it in life.

Growing from vs. 14, this concept is seen very much more in chapter 2 and has a key thought in 2:19...the Lord knows His own...but His own should depart from what is contrary to His character. In chapter 2 this includes deliverance from the things of this life (v.4), endurance of trials (v.10), diligence in our duty (v. 15), removal from anti-godly traits (v. 16) and the following of the example of the servant of the Lord (24), just to mention a few points. But it