

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 **Paul's rejoicing because of the Church of the Thessalonians**

Chosen for Salvation – Called by our Gospel

¹³ But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, ¹⁴ to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hold fast to original Gospel Message

¹⁵ Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle.

Prayer for comfort and establishment

¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work.

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Facts Revealed:

Chosen for Salvation – Called by our Gospel [2 Thessalonians 2:13-14]

- ✚ Paul abounds in thanksgiving to God for the Thessalonians. He recognizes that they are beloved by the Lord.
- ✧ From the very beginning, God chose them for Salvation.
- ✧ They were sanctified (set apart for God) by the Holy Spirit and belief in the truth.
- ✧ They were called by our Gospel for obtaining the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hold fast to original Gospel Message [2 Thessalonians 2:15]

- ✚ There is always a present danger from false doctrine that forces believers to exercise discernment lest they be led astray by the error of deceivers. [2 Peter 3:17, Hebrews 2:1-4, 2 Timothy 4:3-4, Colossians 1:21-23, 2:8]
- ✧ The required choice of the believer is to hold fast to the doctrine originally delivered by the Apostles.

Prayer for comfort and establishment [2 Thessalonians 2:16-17]

- ✚ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation and good hope by grace, comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work.