



TEXT SUMMARY

In our text, [2 Thessalonians 2:13-17](#), Paul begins to close his letter with encouragement and exhortations and a benediction.

- He reminds them of who they are in Christ and what God’s Spirit is working in them.
- He urges them to hold fast to what he had taught them, both in person and by letter.
- He blesses them by asking God to comfort and establish them.

Here is the text:

13 But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. 14 To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 15 So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, 17 comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

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INTRODUCTION (OBSERVATION):

1. Why is Paul grateful for the believers in Thessalonica?
2. By what two means had God chosen them to be the “first-fruits to be saved”?
3. But what means had He called them?
4. For what purpose had He called them?
5. In his benediction, what two petitions does Paul make for his beloved flock in Thessalonica?

DISCUSSION (INTERPRETATION):

This text includes several references to what God has done for and in us and how we ought to respond.

- What are some things in this text that God has done for and in His people (v. 13, 14, 16, 17)?
- How ought His people to respond to what God has done (v. 13, 15)?

SO WHAT? (APPLICATION):

This passage can yield rich fruit in our meditation on what it says about what God has done for us in Christ. Take the passage apart phrase by phrase to think about what these truths mean for you personally.

1. I am “beloved by the Lord” (v. 13).
2. God chose me to be saved (v. 13).
3. God called me through the gospel so that I might obtain the glory of Christ (v. 14).
4. God has given His Word to me (v. 15).
5. God loved me (v. 16).
6. God gave me “eternal comfort and good hope through grace” (v. 16).

Use these truths to guide a prayer time of thanksgiving.

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