



2 THESSALONIANS SERIES – 15
PREPARING FOR THE END TIMES – Pt 5
“STANDING FIRM IN THE FAITH IN TRIALS”
2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

INTRODUCTION

1. THE REASONS FOR THIS EXHORTATION - 13-17

A. The CHOICE of God - 13

- **When** He chose us
- **Why** He chose us
- **How** He chose us

B. The CALLING of God - 14 – “To this He called you through our gospel”
“called” – kaleō - God’s effectual call of believers to salvation

Romans 8:28-30; 1 Cor. 1:9; John 17:22, 24; Romans 8:17-18; Gal. 1:6; Eph. 4:1

Remember...

Your responsibility, by God’s enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; James 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

How can I accomplish this change?

What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

C. The **COMMANDMENTS** of God - 15

“hold to the traditions that you were taught by us”

“traditions” – *paradosis* - literally means “handed down/divine revelation

1 Cor. 11:2, 23; 2 Thess. 3:6

D. The **COMFORT** of God - 16-17

- The **Explanation** of this comfort - ***“who loved us”***
- The **Extent** of this comfort - ***“and gave us eternal comfort”***
- The **Essence** of this comfort - ***“good hope through grace”***
- The **Effect** of this comfort - ***“establish them in every good work and word.”***
establish - sterizo - used 14 times – 2 Thess. 3:3; 1 Peter 5:10