

2 Thess 2.13-17

TERRIBLE, FRIGHTENING NEWS OF LAWLESS MAN & REBELLION

those who do not “love the truth” will perish / SOME BELIEVE THE LIE

RESPONSE?

v. 13 - THANK GOD FOR THEIR SALVATION

Paul did not WORRY ABOUT ENEMIES or CHANGE HIS STRATEGY

John 6 - Jesus HARD TEACHING - Bread of Life / Eat Flesh, Drink Blood

v. 66 “from that time, many of the disciples turn away”

v. 67 TO DISCIPLES “do you want to leave also”

v. 68 “Lord, where should we go? You have words of eternal life!”

CALM, CONFIDENCE IN GOD AND HIS GRACE

UNBELIEVERS HAVE NO FUTURE / BELIEVERS BRIGHT FUTURE

// 1.3 “we must thank God for you” - FOCUS ON HIS SALVATION

1) From the beginning God chose you to be saved -

John 15.16 “you did not choose me, but I chose you”

v. 10 some perish / v. 12 some will be condemned / v. 13 you will be saved

2) The Message of Salvation - FAITH COMES BY HEARING

“through belief in the truth” / Rom 1.16 Gospel - power of God for salvation

GOD’S CHOICE IS OUR BASIS OF CONFIDENCE IN PREACHING

John 10 “I have other sheep, they must hear, one flock, one shepherd”

Acts 18.10 Paul in Corinth “I have many people in this city”

v. 14 “He called you by the Gospel” - CALL OF GOD basis of Coming

Many are Called / Few are chosen -
OUR CALL - invitation / GOD’S CALL seal of salvation

3) SANCTIFYING WORK OF SPIRIT - Spirit makes us alive in Christ

Spirit makes us Holy - say no to sin and yes to righteousness

Spirit helps us resist temptation and be strong in times of trials

4) GLORY OF THE LORD JESUS - last step of salvation / glorification

WHEN JESUS RETURNS - time of Great SHAME or Great GLORY

SHAME - those who do not know Him / GLORY of Jesus - we share it

PAUL SEES GOD’S BIG PICTURE - from the beginning to the glory

FROM BEGINNING OF SALVATION TO THE END - CERTAINTY

LET THE ANTI-CHRIST ATTACK /LET EVIL MEN REBEL AGST GOD

CONFIDENCE NOT IN THEM -their works, faith, abilities - ONLY GOD

IF SALVATION IS FROM MEN IT COULD BE LOST

SALVATION IS ALL FROM GOD, THEREFORE IT CANNOT BE LOST

CONFIDENCE LEADS TO EXHORTATION v. 15 “stand firm”

MIGHT THINK HE’D SAY - God has saved you, just relax now!

DO NOT DARE RELAX - SOLDIER ON ACTIVE DUTY - REAL WAR

WORD OF LOVE “brothers” - Paul is no greater than they / fellow believer

WORD OF WARNING “stand firm” / “hold on to the teachings”

PICTURE - Strong wind storm, about to be blown off feet - HOLD ON!

HOLD ON TO WHAT?!? - “the teachings - by mouth or by letter”

Lit. “Traditions” - Truth handed down to you from others Primary
NOT LATER TRADITIONS ADDED TO THE GOSPEL - ORIGINAL

1 Thess 2.13 - Paul’s word is God’s Word - UNIQUE AS APOSTLE
today we hold on to the written tradition - it measures our oral tradition

We need each other to hold fast -to understand teaching - to interpret it
rightly

OUR INTERPRETATION MUST NOT BE OUR UNIQUE OPINION

SALVATION COMES FROM GOD - MESSAGE OF SALVATION TOO
we are not at liberty to invent it, alter it, add to it, or make it easier

BELIEVERS who KNOW their BIBLE STAND STRONG IN TROUBLE

NOW PAUL PRAYS FOR THEM - vs. 16-17

CONFIDENCE God will save / EXHORTATION - you must do stand
PRAYER - May God help you to stand so that you will be saved

PRAISE AND PRAYER GO TOGETHER

PAUL LINKS FATHER AND SON - Jesus is named FIRST! BOTH GOD

GOD loves us and gives us / John 3.16 “God so loved that He gave”

PAUL LINKS God’s Love, God’s Grace, and God’s Gifts

GIFTS - 1) Eternal encouragement 2) Good Hope // HOPE IS ETERNAL

INWARD STRENGTH - v. 17 “encourage your hearts”

OUTWARD EVIDENCE v. 17 “every good deed and word”

GOOD HOPE SHOULD SHOW ITSELF IN A GOOD LIFE

do your words and deeds show that you have hope in God? FULL HEART?

IN ALL YOU DO - YOUR WORDS AND YOUR DEEDS - BOTH IMPT.

THEME - STABILITY - standing firm and strong in Jesus

v. 13-14 Thanksgiving for it / v. 15 Exhortation to it / v. 16,17 Prayer for it

FOUNDATION? - The Love of God

2.13 “brothers loved by God”

2.14 “Jesus and the Father who loved us”

3.5 “May the Lord direct your hearts into God’s love”

HOW TO STAND FIRM? - Know that God loves you

Nothing will separate you from that love / Nothing will end that love

THIS IS THE FOUNDATION OF ALL REALITY IN LIFE

BASIS OF CONFIDENCE / BASIS OF STABILITY / REASON WE LIVE

God’s Steadfast Love Endures Forever