

Series: Revelation in Glory

Title: Deliverance of God's Followers

Text: (2 Thessalonians 2:13-17)

1. Call to salvation. vs 13, 14

a. Continual thanksgiving: (vs 13)

- 1.) The work of God is plainly manifested in believers
- 2.) The real work of man is to uplift the cross of Christ.

b. Chosen of God. (vs 13)

- 1.) From the very beginning, eternity. Foreknowledge
 - a.) The source of this salvation is God & His love.
 - b.) The method of this salvation.
 - c.) The means to this salvation: Gospel & His Word.
- 2.) Salvation is the only way.
- 3.) ***"sanctification of the Spirit"***
 - a.) Positional Sanctification.
 - b.) Through the Holy Spirit we grow in grace.
- 4.) ***"belief of the truth:"***
 - a.) Believer are to study the Word of God.
 - b.) Believers face a hostile world: (Jn 15:20)

c. We are Called by the Gospel. (vs 14)

- 1.) He continually calls men today. (II Cor 6:2)
- 2.) He will call us home to be with Him.

2. Call to steadfastness. (vs 15)

a. There are Responsibilities b/c of our salvation.

b. Stand fast in the midst of opposition

- 1.) In liberty. (Gal 5:1)
- 2.) In one spirit. (Phil 1:27)
- 3.) In the faith. (I Cor 16:13)

c. We are to Stand firm.

d. Hold fast the traditions we were taught.

- 1.) Teachings handed down from God
- 2.) Traditions of Christ.
All the word which was made flesh. (John 1: 1, 14)
All that Christ Taught: (Matt 28:20)
All that Apostles Taught: (Acts 2:31)(Col 2:8)

3. Call to service through prayer. (vs 16-17)

a. Our One source of strength. (Vs 16)

- 1.) The expression of God's love at Calvary.
- 2.) Circumstances are never out of God's control.
- 3.) A Certain hope: (Rom 15:13)
- 4.) Grace brings Comfort & Stability. (Vs 17)

b. Our Hearts are comforted by the truth.

- 1.) Eternal comfort
- 2.) It has the thought of being invited.

c. Rooted & grounded in the Word of God

d. The Word of God that leads us to do the work of God.

- 1.) Called to the greatest privilege & greatest work.
- 2.) Only good words & works will stand
 - a.) Words of Prayer.
 - b.) Words of Testimony.
 - c.) Words of Encouragement.
- 3.) Works to the glory of God and not to men.