

HOLDING FAST TO WHAT WE HAVE BEEN TAUGHT
(2 Thessalonians 2:13-17)

I. Paul's ENCOURAGEMENT In Light of Their Present Persecution (chp 1)

II. Paul's EXPLANATION Concerning the "Day of the Lord" (chp 2)

A. Don't Be _____ About the Coming Day of the Lord! (2:1-3)

**B. Understand the Facts about The Lord's Soon _____ & The Man of Sin's _____
(2:4-12)**

C. Heed Paul's _____ In Light of Your So Great Salvation (2:13-17)

1. We are bound to **give thanks** to God for you always as – your _____ (2:13a)
2. God from the beginning chose to _____ His plan of **salvation** for you?
(2:13b-14)
 - a. this plan was *initiated* by means of God's _____ "... *God from the beginning **chose** you for salvation*"
 - b. this plan was *furthered* by means of the **sanctifying** work of the _____.
 - c. this plan is *accepted* by means of individual sinners personally _____ the truth.
 - d. this plan is *offered* in time by God's _____ or **invitation** to salvation.
 - e. this plan was presented *specifically* to all: by means of the _____ message.
- *Who* does all this speak of?

Concerning the biblical balance of election: God in His sovereign grace has _____ to save those who He foreknew would _____ to believe in His Son for their salvation. God is the initiator, the source of conviction, and the consummator of salvation, but God holds man _____ for his acceptance or rejection of Jesus Christ as personal Savior. (Jn 3:36)

3. In light of your so great salvation, here are 2 _____ you need to heed:

- a. Brethren, _____, and
 - b. Hold to the _____ you have heard!
- Why were they told to do this?

- How had they received this truth?
- How was God's revelation passed on prior to these written documents?
- What does he say there about how the Thessalonians received God's word?

4. In light of your so great salvation, consider God's _____ to you!

1) _____ &

2) good _____ by _____

5. In light of your so great salvation consider our Lord's _____ for you: He desires ...

a. to _____ your hearts, and

b. to _____ you in every good word & work

- What will this require on your part?