

Chosen and Called 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

Introduction

In this scripture Paul confirms that our commitment to Christ is rooted in our election by God.

Paul Encouraged and Affirmed the Thessalonians' Salvation (vv.13-14)

- Paul rejoices in the fact that the Thessalonians are saved. In fact, they were among the first of the gentiles to be saved. He goes on to tell them that since they have been saved, they can share Christ with others.

Paul Encouraged the Thessalonians to Stand Firm in the Faith (vv. 15-17)

- Paul encourages them to stand firm in their faith and to not forget about their calling. He goes on to pray comfort for them as they go about the Father's business.

Life Application

As we go through our Christian journey we should be ever mindful of the reason we are on the journey. We were chosen and called by God to do His work here on earth. Keeping our calling in mind will help us to maintain our commitment to helping build the kingdom of God.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

- 1 Peter 2:9 (NIV)

Questions for Discussion and Meditation

- *How can we stand firm in our faith?*
- *How can being mindful of our election help us to stand firm?*

Preview of Next Week's Lesson

- Paul warns us of the dangers of choosing not to work for a living and choosing not to continue doing good work for the Lord.