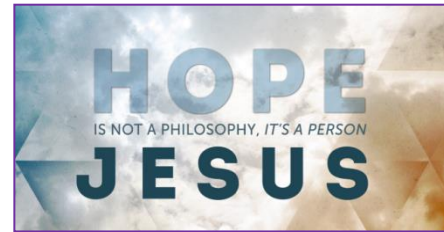




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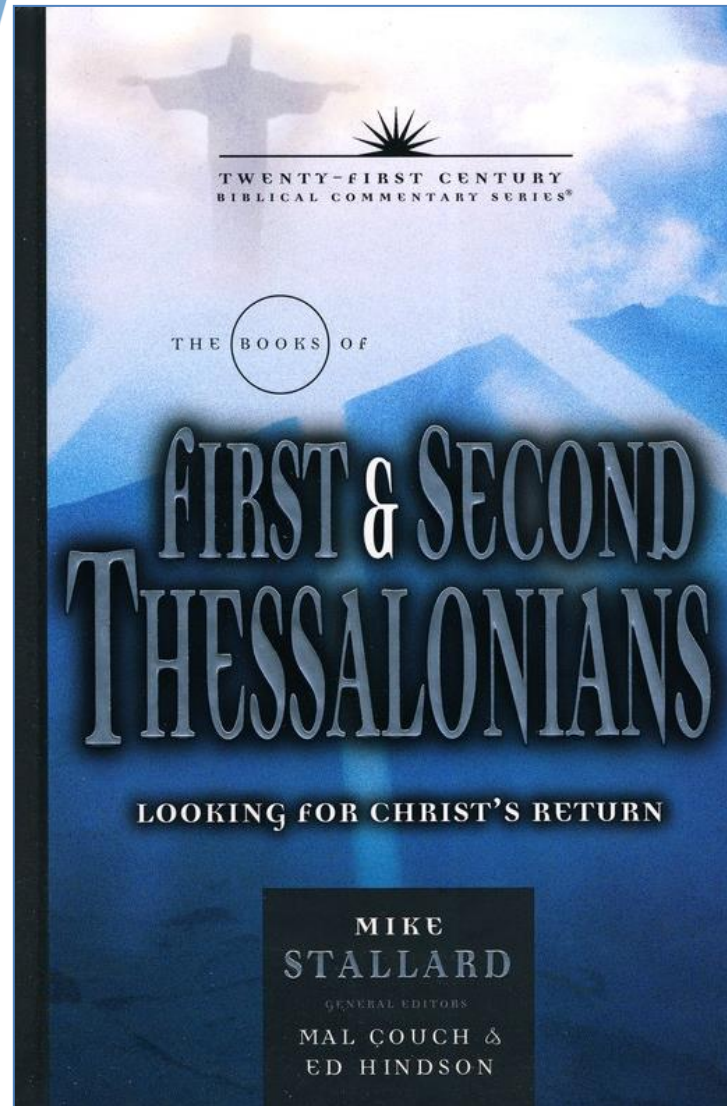
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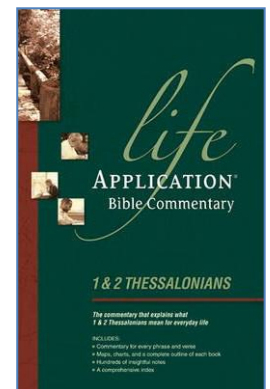
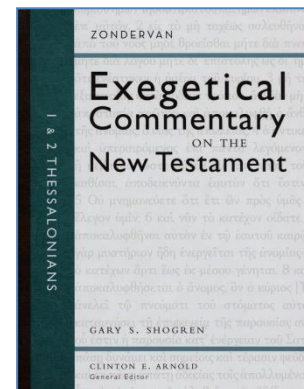
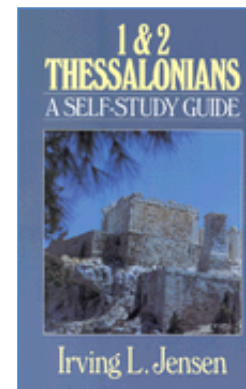
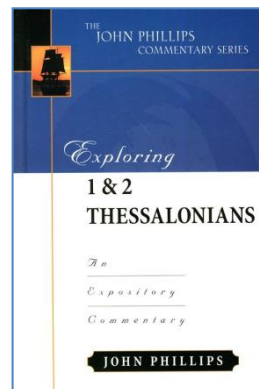
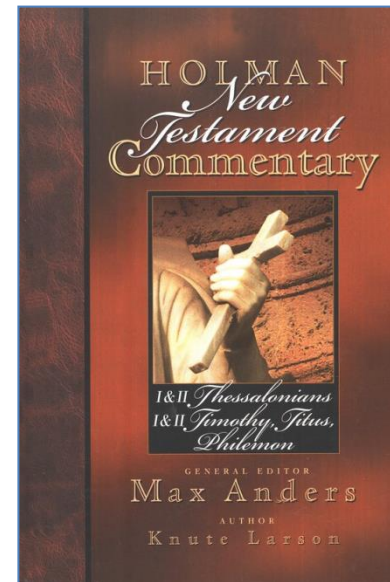
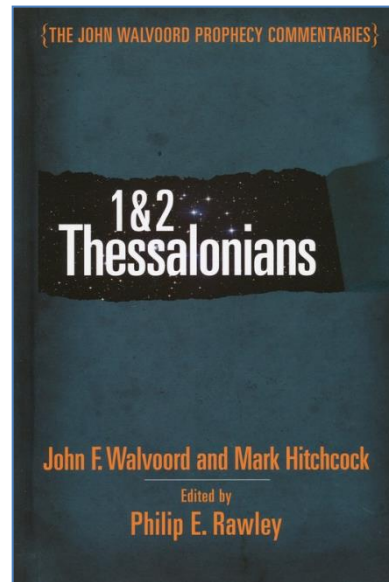


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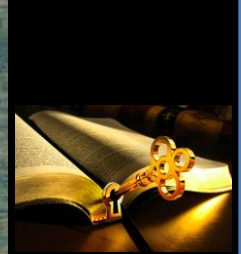
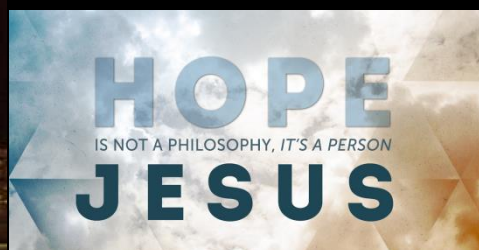
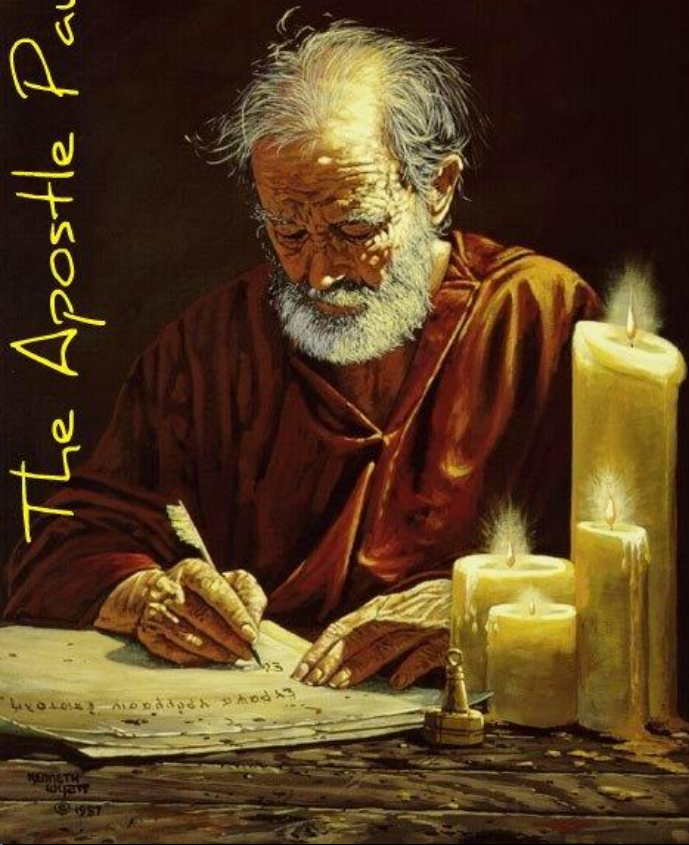




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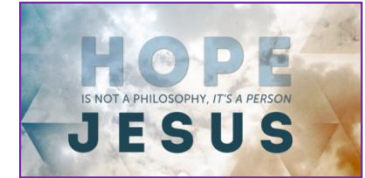


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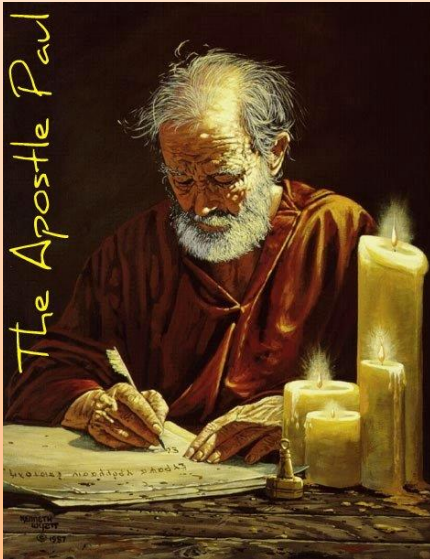
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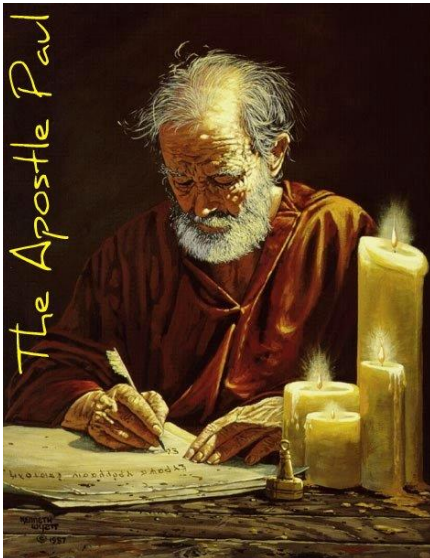
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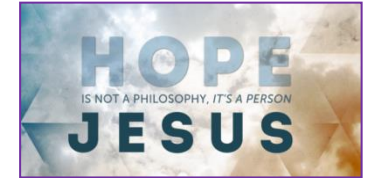
Paul encourages the believers at Thessalonica to remember God's choice of them through the sanctification of the Holy Spirit obtaining the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. In addition, Paul urges the Thessalonians to stand firm on proper teaching. He then prays that the Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God the Father will comfort their hearts and establish them in every good word and work. These verses have been called “*a system of theology in miniature*”; a comprehensive statement of God’s saving purposes.



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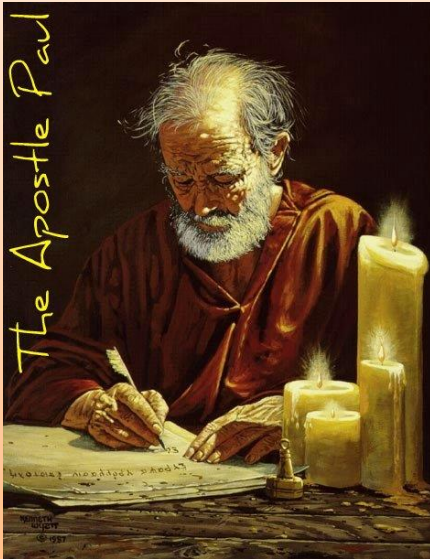
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Chosen for Salvation - 2 Thessalonians 2:13 - OBSERVATIONS

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--- 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14... NKJV

• Chosen for Salvation - Bound to Give Thanks

• BUT WE ARE **BOUND** TO GIVE THANKS

- **Paul** echoes **his** conviction from 2 Thessalonians 1:3, that
 - **he** was **bound** (*obligated; in debt*) to **thank God** for **His work** in the **Thessalonian believers**,
 - in light of the **greatness** of that **work**.

³ **We** are **bound** to **thank God always** for **you**, **brethren**, as it is **fitting**, because **your faith grows exceedingly**, and the **love** of **every one** of **you all** **abounds toward each other**,

--- 2 Thessalonians 1:3 ... NKJV

BOUND	ὀφείλω
<i>opheilō</i>	o-fā'-lō
Bound; to owe; to owe money; be in debt for; the debt	

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--- 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14... NKJV

⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, --Ephesians 1:4

• Chosen for Salvation - Brethren

• BRETHREN **BELOVED** BY THE LORD

- **Paul** is **addressing believers** - BRETHREN.
- **Paul** is first **thankful** that **they** are **BELOVED BY THE LORD**.
- **God's love** for **us** is the **primary motivation** for **all His work in and through us**.

• BECAUSE GOD **FROM THE BEGINNING** CHOSE YOU FOR SALVATION

- **Paul** also **praises** the **sovereign choice** of **God** in bringing **them** to **salvation**.
- **God's choice** was FROM THE **BEGINNING**.
- Before **they chose God**, **He CHOSE them**, and **He chose them** FOR **SALVATION** THROUGH **SANCTIFICATION**.

Our salvation did not originate in human choice. God willed our salvation long before we ever came into existence (Ephesians 1:3-6). This divine choice was based on divine love and divine determination.

Chosen for Salvation - 2 Thessalonians 2:13 - OBSERVATIONS

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SANCTIFICATION IS A PROCESS!

Chosen for Salvation - Sanctification

SALVATION THROUGH SANCTIFICATION

- The **two** go together.
 - Those who claim to be **chosen** but **lack evidence** of **sanctification** (*separation from the world and unto God*) are on **shaky ground**.
 - We can't see if a **person** is **chosen**, but we can see if they are **sanctified**.



PAST: JUSTIFICATION - Saved from the PENALTY of Sin
 PRESENT: SANCTIFICATION - Saved from the POWER of Sin
 FUTURE: GLORIFICATION - Saved from the PRESENCE of Sin

Chosen for Salvation - 2 Thessalonians 2:13 - OBSERVATIONS

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HOW DO WE KNOW THE HOLY SPIRIT LOVES US?

• Chosen for Salvation - Spirit and Truth

• BY THE **SPIRIT** AND BELIEF IN THE TRUTH

- God's **work** of **SANCTIFICATION** uses **two great forces**,
 1. THE **SPIRIT** and
 2. the **BELIEF** IN THE TRUTH.
- The **Spirit** of **God** and the **word** of **God** are **essential** to **our** SALVATION THROUGH SANCTIFICATION.

THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

⁷ Nevertheless **I tell you** the **truth**. It is to **your advantage** that **I go away**; for if **I** do not **go away**, the **Helper** will **not come** to **you**; but if **I depart**, **I will send Him** to **you**. ⁸ And **when He has come**, **He will convict** the **world** of **sin**, and of **righteousness**, and of **judgment**: ⁹ of **sin**, because **they do not believe** in **Me**; ¹⁰ of **righteousness**, because **I go to My Father** and **you see Me no more**; ¹¹ of **judgment**, because the **ruler** of **this world** is **judged**.

--- John 16:7-11 ... NKJV

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--- 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14... NKJV

²³ but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness,

• Chosen for Salvation - Obtaining the Glory

• TO WHICH HE CALLED YOU BY OUR GOSPEL

- The call for this salvation comes through the GOSPEL,
- The GOSPEL Paul preached
 - GOSPEL: good news
 - 1 Corinthians 1:23 ... we preach Christ crucified
 - 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 ... death, burial, resurrection
- The GOSPEL that will enable us to obtain the glory of Jesus.
- THE GREAT EXCHANGE ... 2 Corinthians 5:21

² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. - 1 John 3:2

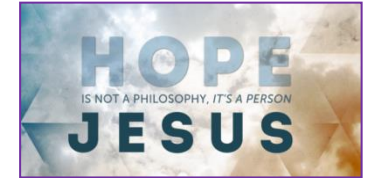
²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.



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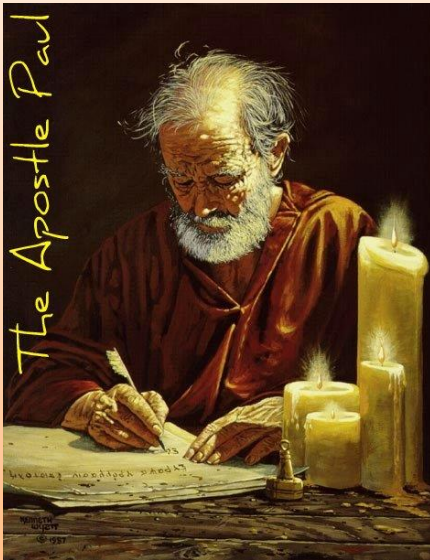
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Stand Fast - 2 Thessalonians 2:15 - OBSERVATIONS

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--- 2 Thessalonians 2:15... NKJV

• Stand Fast - Traditions

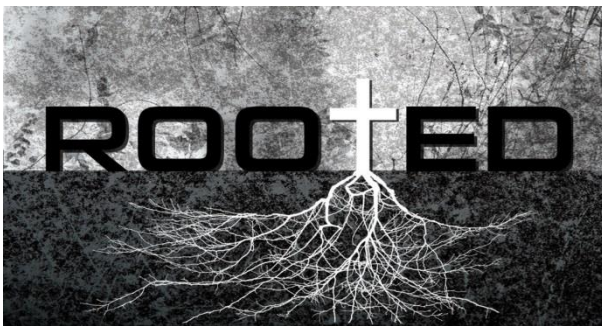
• THEREFORE, BRETHREN, **STAND FAST**

- THEREFORE - WHAT IS IT THERE FOR?
- Paul is encouraging the Thessalonian believers to consider what he has written up to this point.
- Paul has given them compelling reasons why they must STAND FAST and not be moved. SAME ADMONITION FOR US!
- STAND FAST because of...

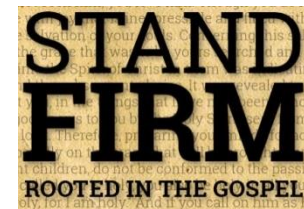
- THE CURRENT DISTRESS; the persecutions and tribulations ... 2 Thessalonians 1:4.
- THE COMING JUDGMENT OF THIS WORLD; in flaming fire taking vengeance ... 2 Thessalonians 1:8.
- THE STRENGTH OF COMING DECEPTION; all power, signs, and lying wonders ... 2 Thessalonians 2:9.
- OUR GLORIOUS DESTINY; the glory of our Lord Jesus ... 2 Thessalonians 2:14.

Watch
Stand Fast In The Faith
Be Brave Be Strong

1 Corinthians 16:13



STAND FAST
therefore in the liberty,
WHERE WITH CHRIST HATH MADE US FREE,
and be not entangled again
WITH THE YOKE OF BONDAGE.
GALATIANS 5:1



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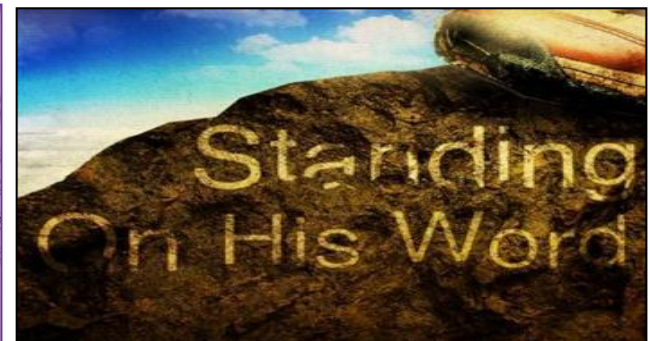
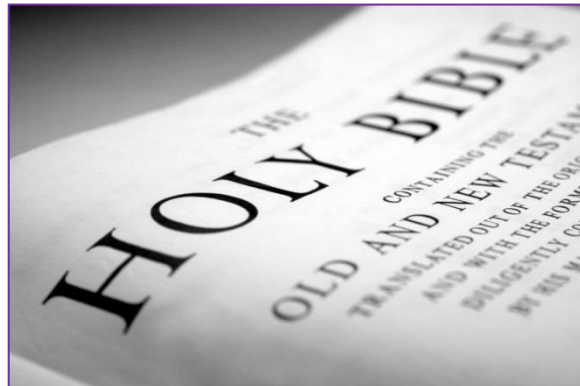
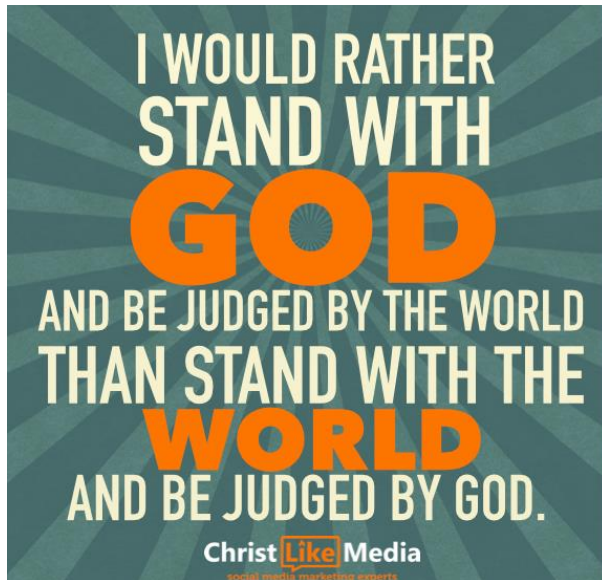
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• Stand Fast - Traditions

• **STAND FAST** AND HOLD THE TRADITIONS

- The **command** to STAND FAST tells us WHAT **they** must STAND FAST **upon**.
- They** must **keep standing** on **God's word**,
- Delivered** both by
 - The **authoritative word** of the **apostles** (BY WORD)
 - The **letters** of the **apostles** (OUR EPISTLE).

STAND FAST	στήκω
<i>stēkō</i>	<i>stā'-kō</i>
To stand firm; to persevere; to persist	

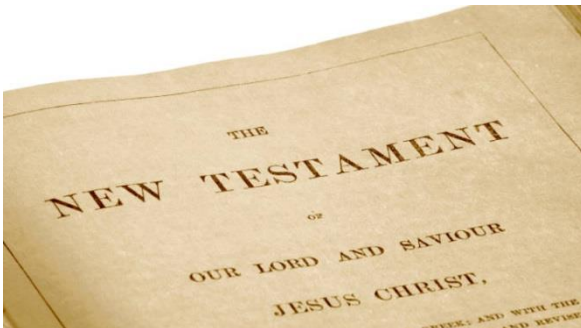
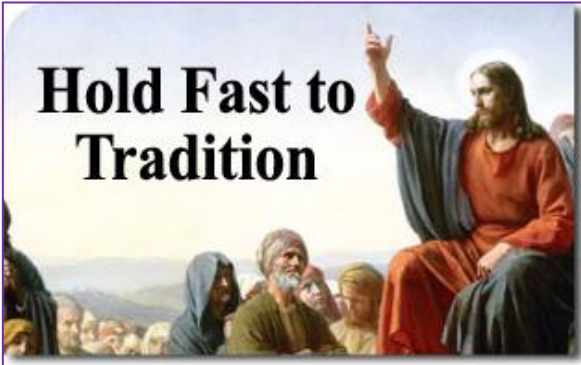


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Hold Fast to Tradition



• Stand Fast - Traditions

• STAND FAST AND HOLD THE TRADITIONS

- Scripture recognizes that TRADITIONS can be a dangerous feature of religious systems (Matthew 15:2-3) or the TRADITIONS of man (Colossians 2:8).
- However, Paul has in mind the apostolic traditions preserved for us in the record of the New Testament.

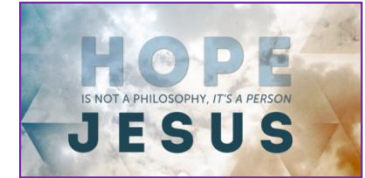
TRADITIONS	παράδοσις
<i>paradosis</i>	pä-rä'-do-sēs
A giving over which is done by word of mouth or in writing; tradition by instruction, narrative, precept, etc.	

ONLY THE ANCHOR OF GOD'S WORD ENABLES US TO STAND FAST UNDER THE WEIGHT OF OUR PRESENT TRIBULATION, AND THE WEIGHT OF OUR COMING GLORY.

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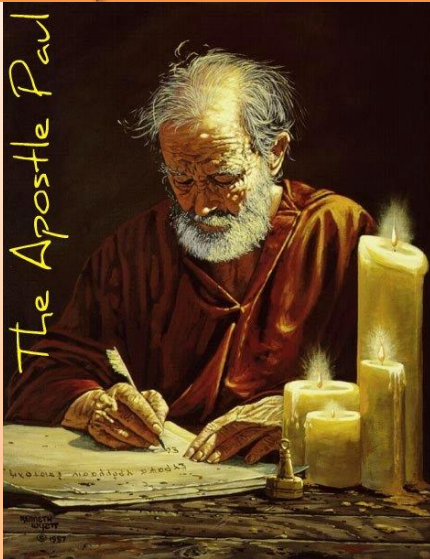
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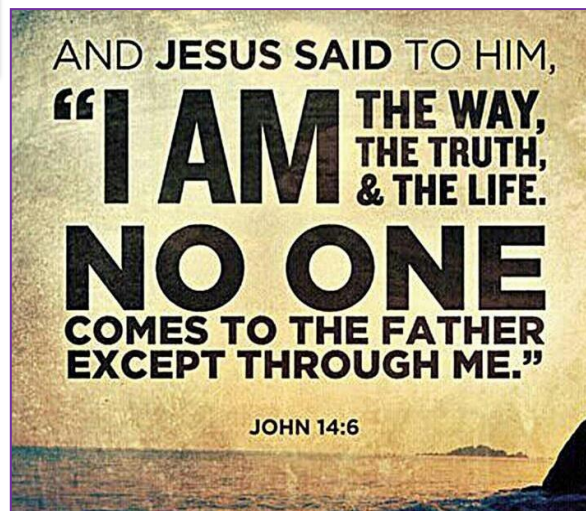
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--- 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17... NKJV

• Prayer of Comfort - The Deity of Christ

• **OUR** LORD JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF, AND **OUR** GOD AND FATHER

- **Paul** refers to **Jesus** and the **Father** as **co-equals** in
 - **Giving us** EVERLASTING CONSOLATION
 - **Giving us** GOOD HOPE BY GRACE
 - **Comforting our** HEARTS
 - **Establishing us** in EVERY GOOD WORD AND WORK
- **Paul** is **making** the **case** for the **deity** of **Jesus**
 - **Reminiscent** of **Creation** ... John 1, Genesis 1



Prayer of Comfort - 2 Thessalonians 2:16 - OBSERVATIONS

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--- 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17... NKJV

3 words

2 seconds

1 moment

"Thank you God"

• Prayer of Comfort - God's Love

• WHO HAS **LOVED US**

- Before asking **God** to do something **specific** for the **Thessalonians** (v17),
- **Paul remembered** all that **God** had **done** for **them** (v16).
 1. **God** **LOVED** **them**
 2. **God** **gave** **them** EVERLASTING CONSOLATION
 3. **God** **gave** **them** GOOD HOPE BY GRACE.

When we pray we should remember God's
PAST FAITHFULNESS and PRESENT BLESSING.

His FAITHFULNESS in the PAST is a PROMISE of
His FAITHFULNESS for the FUTURE.



Give THANKS
WITH A GRATEFUL
HEART 1 Thessalonians. 5:18
S01:NT13-14:L12

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• Prayer of Comfort - Establish You

• **COMFORT** YOUR HEARTS AND **ESTABLISH** YOU

- **Paul** asked **God** to **DO TWO THINGS** in the **Thessalonian believers**.
 - FIRST, **he** wanted **God** to COMFORT **their** HEARTS.
 - SECOND, **he** asked **God** to ESTABLISH **them** IN EVERY GOOD WORD AND WORK.
- This **prayer** for **comfort** and **continued testimony** and **work** for **Jesus** is **fitting** in light of the **special needs** of **believers under pressure**.

"I believe in an established Church, not established by acts of Parliament but stablished by the purpose and by the presence of God in the midst of it." ... Spurgeon

*Let Your Heart
Take Comfort*

Prayer of Comfort - 2 Thessalonians 2:17 - OBSERVATIONS

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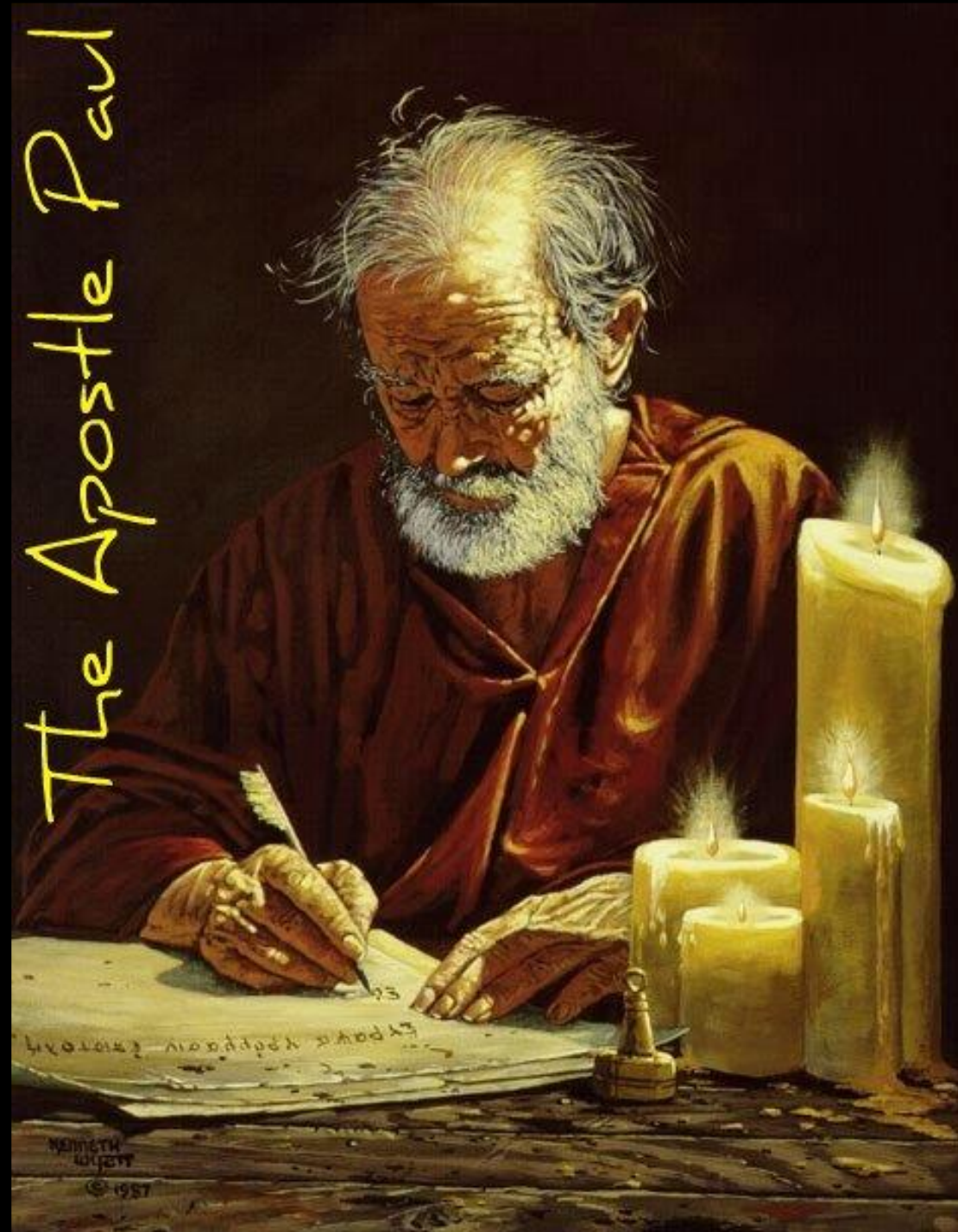
• IN **EVERY** GOOD WORD AND WORK

- Every Good Word AND Work.
 - **Not** just some - **but** ALL (EVERY).
 - **Not** just one or the other - **but** BOTH.
 - **Our actions** must **align** with **our words** (testimony).
James 1: 22
- Who is responsible for ESTABLISHING YOU IN EVERY GOOD WORD AND WORK?
 - Aren't you **glad** it is **not you**!

Every GOOD AND PERFECT *Gift*
COMES FROM *Above.*
-JAMES 1:17

¹² Therefore, **my beloved**, as **you** have **always obeyed**, not as in **my presence** only, but **now much more** in **my absence**, **work out your own salvation** with **fear** and **trembling**; ¹³ for it is **God** who **works** in **you both** to **will** and **to do** for **His** good pleasure.

-- Philippian 2:12-13 ... NKJV



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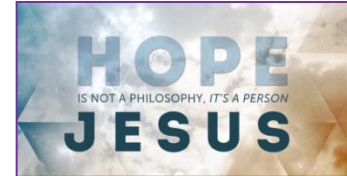
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