

"Standing Firm in Tough Times" 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

1. Giving Thanks in the Here and Now (2 Thessalonians 2:13-15)

2. The Comfort of the Lord Jesus Christ and God the Father Now and Forever (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)

Table Talk

- 1) What does Paul do as he contemplates the end times? How should that impact what we should do as we contemplate the end times? (v. 13)
- 2) Why is Paul thankful? Who are you helping to grow in Christ that you can be thankful for? (v. 13)
- 3) What is the goal of God's choosing and calling us to salvation? (v. 14) How does that impact our thinking of this present world?
- 4) How should we live now, in light of the end times and in light of God's work in choosing and calling to salvation? (v. 15) What does "hold to the traditions" mean? How can that get misunderstood?
- 5) What kind of eternal comfort and good hope is given to us? Who gives it? (v. 16)
- 6) What kind of present comfort is given to us? What is the purpose of that comfort? Why is that purpose of comfort important? (v. 17)