

## 14 - ENCOURAGEMENT & PRAYER (2 THESSALONIANS 2:13-17)

### I. Thanksgiving (2:13-14)

#### A. Continually (2:13a)

- Paul told his readers that he always \_\_\_\_\_.

#### B. For their salvation (2:13b-14)

##### 1. God's choice (2:13b)

- He was thankful that God had \_\_\_\_\_.

##### 2. The means of salvation (2:13c)

- He stated that they experienced salvation as they were \_\_\_\_\_.

- He pointed out that they experienced salvation through \_\_\_\_\_.

##### 3. The purpose of salvation (2:14)

- Paul states that they were saved so that they could \_\_\_\_\_.

### II. Encouragement (2:15)

#### A. Stand firm (2:15a)

- Paul calls his readers to \_\_\_\_\_.

#### B. Hold the teaching (2:15b)

- Paul calls his readers to hold on to the teachings that come through \_\_\_\_\_.

### III. Prayer (2:16-17)

#### A. The nature of God (2:16)

##### 1. Love toward us (2:16a)

- Paul directs his prayer toward Jesus and God the Father who \_\_\_\_\_.

##### 2. Benefits of grace (2:16b)

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a. Consolation

- Paul points out that God has given us \_\_\_\_\_ through his grace.

b. Hope

- He also tells his readers that God has given us \_\_\_\_\_ through his grace.

B. The request (2:17)

1. Comfort (2:17a)

- Paul prayed that God would \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Strength (2:17b)

- Paul prayed that God would \_\_\_\_\_.