

**WHAT GOD DOES WHEN WE STAND FIRM AND HOLD TO HIS WORD:
HE WILL ENCOURAGE OUR HEARTS AND STRENGTHEN US
2 Thessalonians 2:16-17**

I. *Review:* FOCUS ON YOUR SALVATION IN CHRIST (13-14)

- A. Be always thankful for your salvation:** In contrast to the fate of the lost, Paul continually thanks God these beloved Thessalonians were chosen by God for salvation (13a)
- B. Understand the current process of salvation:** Paul reveals we were chosen to be sanctified by the Spirit through faith in the Word (13b)
- C. Look forward to the goal of our salvation:** God called us through the Gospel that we would gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ...WOW (14)

II. *Review:* STAND FIRM IN JESUS AND CLING TO THE WORD (15)

III. *Then...* GOD WILL COMFORT YOUR HEARTS AND STRENGTHEN YOU: Paul prays that God who loved them and has given them eternal comfort and good hope by grace, would comfort their hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word (16-17)

A. What God has already done by His grace (16)

- 1. He has loved us

- 2. He has given us eternal comfort and good hope

- 3. How He did it? **By His grace**

B. What God will do...

- 1. **Encourage your hearts**

- 2. **Strengthen you** in every good work and word