

JESUS IS COMING SOON...NOW WHAT?

WATCH YOUR ATTITUDE!

2 THESSALONIANS 2:13-17

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❖ **Be _____ for each other.**

“...dear brothers and sisters loved by the Lord. We are always thankful that God chose you...” 2:13b (NLT)

- Paul doesn't correct them, Paul thanks God for them.

❖ **Be _____ and _____ for our salvation. When we understand what God has done, is doing and will do, it should _____ us.**

“...God chose you to be among the first to experience salvation – a salvation that came through the Spirit who makes you holy and through your belief in the truth. He called you to salvation when we told you the Good News; now you can share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.” 2:13b-14 (NLT)

- **God loved you. God chose you. God called you. God saved you. God sanctifies you. God will glorify you.**

❖ **Be _____ to the truths found in God's word.**

“...dear brothers and sisters, stand firm...” 2:15b (NLT)

- This is not a feeling; this is a deliberate decision to stand! To stand firm!

❖ **Be _____ to God's calling in our lives.**

- God calls all of us to serve.
- What has God called me to do?

❖ **Be _____ of _____ concerning the future.**

- Our hope is found in Christ, not in circumstances, or politics, or the economy. Because He has come, Because He is with us, Because He is coming again... we can endure today!

2 Thessalonians 2:13–17 Study Notes - July 19, 2026

Don't get bogged down in the argument over salvation - In our text this week, we are reminded of some incredible truths – GOD CHOSE US, CALLED US, and WILL GLORIFY US! Our responsibility is to respond to Him by FAITH and STAND FIRM. (See Vs. 13, "...- a salvation that came through the Spirit who makes you holy and through your belief in the truth."

What we need to know about Salvation - Paul tells the believers in Thessalonica that their salvation is the result of God's gracious work from beginning to end.

How often do we think about God's Part in Salvation? - vs.13-17, He loves us, He chose us, He saves us through the work of the Holy Spirit, He calls us through the Good News of Jesus, he gives us the hope of sharing in God's glory, He comforts our hearts and strengthens us.

How often do we think about our Part in Salvation? – vs. 13 – Faith, Belief, in the truth.

Ephesians 2:8-9, describes the 2 pieces of salvation in simple, beautiful terms. "For **by grace (God's Part)** you have been saved **through faith (Our Part)**..." (Ephesians 2:8-9)

The truth – God does it all, except make us believe! We must respond to His gracious invitation. God does not force anyone to receive it, but He makes it difficult to resist. Throughout Scripture people are commanded to action: Repent (Acts 17:30), Believe (John 3:16), Receive Christ (John 1:12), Call upon the Lord (Romans 10:13), Obey the Gospel (2 Thessalonians 1:8)

Calvinism and Arminianism? Faithful Christians have discussed these questions for centuries.

Calvinism emphasizes God's sovereignty in salvation.

Arminianism emphasizes mankind's responsibility to respond to God's grace.

THE BIBLE CLEARLY TEACHES BOTH TRUTHS!

- God is completely sovereign. People are responsible for their response.

- Paul does not attempt to explain every mystery. Instead, he simply praises God for His grace and encourages believers to stand firm.

The Biblical Balance - The Bible never says: "You can save yourself."
Nor does it say: "Your response doesn't matter."

Concerning Salvation, the Bible is clear - God initiates. The Holy Spirit convicts. The Gospel is preached. People are called to believe. Those who trust Christ are saved.

THIS WEEK CELEBRATE YOUR SALVATION - IF YOU ARE NOT A FOLLOWER OF CHRIST, BELIEVE AND BEGIN TO FOLLOW HIM - Instead of arguing about every detail of salvation, Paul wants believers to:

- Thank God for His amazing grace.
- Be confident in their salvation.
- Stand firm in biblical truth.
- Live faithfully until Christ returns.

Salvation begins with God, is accomplished by Christ, is applied by the Holy Spirit, is received through faith, and results in a life that stands firm until Jesus returns.