

## 2 Thes. 2:13-17

### I. Thanksgiving and exhortation: (13-15)

#### A. We Thank God because He has chosen, called, saved and sanctified us (13-14)

1. We ought to always give thanks to God concerning you, brothers, beloved by the Lord (13a)

Almost exactly the same as 1:3

2. Reason: Because He chose, called, saved and will sanctify and glorify us (13b-14)

- a Because God chose us as firstfruits into salvation in sanctification of the Spirit and faith in the truth (13b)

Text issue – could be “from the beginning” or “as firstfruits”

Most likely firstfruit

Firstfruit of what? Most special portion dedicated to God

- b Into which He called you through our Gospel into acquisition of the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ (14)

#### B. Therefore: Stand firm and hold on to the doctrines which you were taught (15)

1. Therefore, brothers, stand firm (15a)
2. And hold strong to the traditions which you were taught (15b)

- a Either through a word

- b Or through a letter from us

Echoing and contrasting the same phrase in 2:1-2

The false idea came through “spirit, word or letter, supposedly from us”

The true tradition came through “word or letter [certainly] from us”

### II. Blessing/Prayer Wish: (16-17)

#### A. May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father (16)

1. Who loved us (16a)
2. And in grace gives eternal comfort/encouragement and good hope (16b)

#### B. Result: He will give us comfort and strength (17)

1. May He comfort/encourage our hearts (17a)
2. And strengthen/establish [your hearts] in every good work and word (17b)