

## Sermon notes for February 20, 2005

### Evening: “Being Found Faithful Until He Comes”

II Thessalonians 2:13-17, 3:1 (Pew Bible page 1051)

- I. Faithful in **Thanksgiving** for God’s Salvation— “But we are bound to **give thanks** always to God . . . because God hath from the beginning chosen you to **salvation**.” I Thessalonians 2:13
  - Thankful for His **Initiative** in **Salvation**— “God hath from the beginning **chosen you** to salvation.” II Thessalonians 2:13a
  - Thankful for His **Increase** through Salvation— “Through **sanctification** of the Spirit.” II Thessalonians 2:13b
  - Thankful for His **Invitation** to Salvation— “And **belief** of the truth.” II Thessalonians 2:13c
- II. Faithful in our **Testimony** of the Gospel— “Wherefore He called you by our **Gospel**.” II Thessalonians 2:14
  - The Testimony of the **Cross** in the Gospel— “I declare unto you the **Gospel** . . . how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.” Read I Corinthians 15:1-4
  - The Testimony of the **Crown** in the Gospel— “To the obtaining of the **glory** of our Lord Jesus Christ.” II Thessalonians 2:14 “The sufferings of Christ, and the **glory** that should follow.” I Peter 1:11
- III. Faithful to the **Teachings** of the Word— “Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the **traditions (teachings)** which you have been taught.” II Thessalonians 2:15
  - We are to **Cherish** the Word— “**Hold** the traditions (teachings)” — “And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine.” Acts 2:42
  - We are to **Contend** for the Word— “Brethren, **stand fast** (for) the traditions which you have been taught, whether by word, or by our epistle.” II Thessalonians 2:15 “Beloved . . . ye should **earnestly contend** for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.” Jude 3
- IV. Faithful to **Trust** the love of our Saviour— “Now our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God, even our Father, which hath **loved** us.” II Thessalonians 2:16
  - Trust the Saviour’s Love for **Hope** Today— “Our Father hath given us . . . good **hope** through grace . . . Comfort your hearts and establish you in every good word and work.” II Thessalonians 2:16-17
  - Trust the Saviour’s Love for **Heaven** in the morning— “Our Father hath given us **everlasting consolation** . . . through grace.” II Thessalonians 2:16 Read Proverbs 4:18; Psalm 30:5
- V. Faithful at the **Throne** of God— “Finally, brethren, **pray**, for us.” II Thessalonians 3:1
  - Prayer for the **Workers**— “Pray for **us**.” II Thessalonians 3:1
  - Prayer for the **Word**— “That the **word of the Lord** may have free course.” II Thessalonians 3:1
  - Prayer for His **Worship**— “And be **glorified** as it is with you.” II Thessalonians 3:2