

THE CHURCH IN THE LAST DAYS

GOOD NEWS FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 Jeff Schreve

But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth. And it was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught, whether by word of mouth or by letter from us. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace, comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word. 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

What is the good news that brings peace to God's people?

1. The Lord loves us.

"I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness." Jeremiah 31:3

"Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love." John 15:9

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:35, 38-39

2. The Lord chose us.

... because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth. 2 Thessalonians 2:13

A. God chooses based on His foreknowledge.

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who reside as aliens ... who are chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood. 1 Peter 1:1-2

B. God chooses those who will respond to Him.

3. The Lord has given us His Spirit.

... because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth. 2 Thessalonians 2:13

... for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure. Philippians 2:13

4. The Lord wants us to share in His glory.

And it was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thessalonians 2:14

"Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world." John 17:24

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So ... stand firm, hold fast, be comforted, and be strengthened.

How have you responded to the call of God?