

II Thessalonians 05 - (2:15-3:5)

Stand Fast in the Lord

1. 2:15 – Stand Fast and Hold

- a. This is not an endorsement of all traditions - Gal 1:14, Col 2:8
- b. “Church history” is not a consensus – Acts 15:1-2, 4-7. 2 Cor 11:1-4
- c. What is right is more important than who is right – Gal 1:7-10
- d. When you have the truth you keep it – 1 Cor 16:13, Phil 3:8, Rom 3:4
 - i. The hardest part is faithfulness – 2 Tim 1:8,12-15, 4:4,10
- e. These traditions are taught by Paul – 1Th 4:1, 2Th 3:6,
 - i. Tradition promotes faithfulness: 2 Tim 3:10-14
 - ii. Good tradition must be proved – 1Th 5:21
 - iii. The proof is Paul’s doctrine – Romans 16:17
 - iv. Thess were following Paul – 1 Th 1:6, 2:11,13, 3:8 1 Cor 4:15-16

2. 2:16-17 – Consolation of Grace

- a. The who is important (Lord, himself, and your Father) – Gal 4:6-7
- b. “which hath loved us” – Rom 5:8, Titus 3:4, Eph 2:4
- c. “everlasting consolation” – comfort always – 2 Cor 4:17
- d. The God of comfort and patience - Rom15:4-5, 2 Cor 1:3-10
- e. “good hope” that we patiently wait for – Rom 4:20-21, 5:5, 8:25, 12:12
- f. “stablish you” – Eph 2:10, as ye heard, so walk - Col 2:6-7

3. 3:1-2 – Glorifying God’s word

- a. 3:1 - What to pray for = “free course and be glorified”
- b. Glorify Gods word by studying, reading, learning, teaching, belief!
- c. They sounded it out! – 1 Th 1:8
- d. “even as it is with you” – They suffered persecution! 1Th 2:14, 2Th 1:4
- e. They tried to silence Paul → Eph 6:19-20
- f. “all men have not faith” – Acts 14:2, 17:5 → Satan hindered - 1 Th 2:18

4. 3:3 – Faithfulness of the Lord

- a. God cannot lie – Titus 1:2, Num 23:19, Mal 3:6, Heb 13:8
- b. He is faithful to what he says – 2 Tim 1:12; 4:14-18
- c. “he shall stablish you” – 2:17, Rom 16:25, Col 1:12
- d. “keep you from evil” – The evil of chapter 2:9-10, 2 Tim 3:13

5. 3:4-5 – Your Heart’s Direction

- a. Paul is confidence in their doing – 1 Th 1:3, 2Th 1:11
- b. “the things we command you” – because of 1Th 2:13, 1 Cor 14:37
- c. Our heart (desire) direction is into the love of God – 1 Cor 8:3
- d. The love of Christ constrains us - 2 Cor 5:14-15, Col 3:1-2