

GIVE THANKS, STAND FAST, COMFORT HEARTS  
II THESS. 2:13-17

Introduction:

- A. Things never become so bad that we cannot bind practical instructions.
- b. Paul does not end his letter on prophetic truth, but on the truth of God's redemptive purpose.

I. "GIVING THANKS" V13-14

- A. "We are bound to give thanks always to God for you."
  - 1. We = Paul and Silas.
  - 2. bound = obligated by events.
  - 3. To express our gratitude.
  - 4. "brethren, beloved of the Lord."
- B. "Because."
  - 1. "He called you by our gospel" (FROM)
  - 2. "(to) the obtaining of the glory, of our Lord Jesus Christ."

II. "THEREFORE, BRETHREN, STAND FAST."

- A. "stand fast," looks back to 2:2
  - 1. Means, to exert strength, mental or physical.
- b. "the traditions," "hold" = to be master of, to have power over.
  - 1. traditions = the things handed on.
  - 2. The teachings from teacher to Paul.
  - 3. The N.T. makes reference to three traditions.
    - a. Rabbi's = "traditions of elders" Mk.7:3-
    - b. Collosians; "traditions of men" Col. 2:
    - c. Here = "traditions in Scripture."
  - 4. The two sources.

- a. Word = Paul's preaching.
- b. Epistle = Paul's letters.

III. "THE THINGS THAT COMFORT." V16,17

- A. "Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God even our Father."
- B. What God has done.
  - 1. Loved us.
  - 2. Given us.
- C. What He has given.
  - 1. "everlasting consolation."
    - a. everlasting = aionios = belong to the ages.
    - b. consolation = paraechesis = to call one along side.
- D. The channel.
  - 1. "through grace."
- E. What He will do.
  - 1. "comfort your hearts."
  - 2. "establish you in every good..."
    - a. "word."
    - b. "work."