

II Thessalonians

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16 May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, 17 encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

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Always giving thanks for you...2:13-17

Having been led to believe they'd missed the rapture, what did the Thessalonians need? 2:13

So what precious words does Paul use to begin to address this issue? 2:13a

What is his first, and most basic, truth about their salvation? 2:13b; Phil.1:6; Eph.1:4-5

And how does this eternal salvation occur *in time*? 2:13c; Eph.2:8-9; ICor.6:11; IPet.1:2

What is the incredible sequence of truth about our salvation? 1:10-12; Rom.8:28-39

From his teaching on salvation, what's Paul's admonition to them? 2:15; 3:8; ICor.15:58, 16:13

What is Paul's prayer for them in light of all of this? 2:16-17; Titus 3:4-7; IJn.3:2-3; IICor.1:3-6

Finally, brothers...3:1-5

What's Paul's first prayer request? 3:1 Comment? IITim.2:9; Acts 13:48; IThess.2:13

And pray also that...? 3:2 His comment? 3:3 IICor.4:3-4; ICor.10:13

And Paul's encouraging words and prayer for them? 3:4-5; Rom.15:14; Phil.1:6; IITim.1:12

What would your answer be to one who says you can't be sure of your salvation? IITim.1:12

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They needed 'reassured'. They feared they had lost their salvation, or never had it.

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We always thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord! What a refreshing word!!

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From the beginning God chose you! Before Gen.1:1. This is unsurpassed security!

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It's through the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit & through belief (faith) in the truth.

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Predestined, called, justified, glorified! If God is for us, who is against us! 8:38-39!

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Stand firm and hold to our teachings! Don't be 'unsettled or alarmed', 2:2, stand firm!

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May Jesus and the Father, who loved us/graced us/gave hope, encourage you/good deeds.

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We're confident that you are/will continue to obey! May the Lord direct your hearts...

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