

**The Day of the Lord**  
**Awaiting The Tribulation Period**  
**2 Thess 2.13-17**

**Having realized the truths of the preceding passage,**

- There will be a Falling Away in these last days (vs 3)
- The Anti-Christ, the man of sin, will be revealed (vs 3)
- The Holy Spirit, as He is in the Redeemed in our Dispensation, will be taken out of the way (vs 7)
- The Anti-Christ will deceive the world with “Power and signs and lying wonders” (vs 9)
- Those who rebelled against the gospel will be given “Strong Delusion” and will believe the “Lie” that the Anti-Christ is the Christ (vs 11)

All of these things will come to pass during the Tribulation Period, we are now given these words of edification and faithfulness.

The list of characteristics that mark 2 Thess 2.1-12 are in preparation in our day. There are precursors that we see around us that are making preparation for the fulfillment of these conditions. So that immediately following the Rapture of all born again believers the world will move with a rapid willingness into the world wide conditions that will exist during the Tribulation Period.

As we study these prophecies of the End Times, we as Bible Believing Christians see these things as diabolical and dastardly. However, as the world moves into the Tribulation Period, those who remain after the rapture, which will include many professing Christian, who were religious but not redeemed, they will find the Anti-Christ a wonderful and charismatic leader whom they will willingly follow. In the end they will remember their poor choices, but it will be far too late for most of them.

Our text gives us these encouragements as we move through these End Times ever nearing the rapture of the true believers.

## 1. Your Conversion, Rejoice in your Salvation (vs 13-14)

*2 Thessalonians 2:13–14 - But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen **you to salvation** through **sanctification of the Spirit** and **belief of the truth:** <sup>14</sup>Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

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1. Your Conversation, Rejoice in your Salvation

**It is a glorious thing to stand in God's Amazing Grace.**

**It is far better to know that you know that you stand in God's Amazing Grace!**

**Notice two things that give you confidence in your Salvation,**

- **Sanctification of the Spirit** – The Holy Spirit of God working undeniably within you. You will know that you are saved by the presence and work of the Holy Spirit within you.

Rom 8.15

**The Holy Spirit in you testifies that you are God's Child**

*Galatians 4:4–7 - But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, <sup>5</sup>To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. <sup>6</sup>And because ye are sons, **God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.** <sup>7</sup>Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.*

*Romans 8:15–16 - For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. <sup>16</sup>**The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:***

1 John 3.4

The Holy Spirit sets you apart (sanctifies you) to live for our Lord

*1 John 3:4–10 - Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. <sup>5</sup>And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. <sup>6</sup>Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. <sup>8</sup>He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. <sup>9</sup>Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. <sup>10</sup>In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.*

What 1 John is telling us is that when the Holy Spirit of God is in you you will not be able to tolerate sin and rebellion in your life.

- **Belief of the Truth** – This is none other than your belief that the Word of God is true.

*John 17:17 - Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*

Notice the two words in John 17.17, Sanctify and truth. Same two principles as our 2 Thess text.

The Word of God is our authoritative and undeniable truth. Believe it.

2. **Your Calling, You will be and are called to the Rapture (vs 14)** – Which is the Glory of our Lord Jesus Christ

*2 Thessalonians 2:14 - Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

The redeemed have no chance of missing the Rapture and all of its glory. When the Holy Spirit is taken out of the way so will be all that belong to our Lord.

Folks the Rapture will be to the Glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### 3. Our Challenge (vs 15)

*2 Thessalonians 2:15 - Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.*

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1. **Your Conversation**, Rejoice in your Salvation
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- **Stand fast**

Eph 6.13

*1 Corinthians 16:13 - Watch ye, **stand fast in the faith**, quit you like men, be strong.*

*Philippians 4:1 - Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so **stand fast in the Lord**, my dearly beloved.*

*Ephesians 6:13 - Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, **and having done all, to stand.***

We are in the midst of a great falling away,

*2 Thessalonians 2:3 - Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, . . .*

People are doing less and less for our Lord and His kingdom work. We must Stand Fast and take up our cross and follow Jesus.

- **Hold the traditions**

Titus 1.9

**This is to hold to sound doctrine**

*2 Timothy 4:3–4 - For the time will come when they will **not endure sound doctrine**; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; <sup>4</sup>And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.*

**We must,**

*Titus 1:9 - Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able **by sound doctrine** both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.*

There are many doctrines or teachings in our world. What you need to find is Sound Doctrine. Sound Doctrine will be teachings substantiated by the Word of God.

#### **4. Your Comfort (vs 16-17)**

*2 Thessalonians 2:16–17 - Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us **everlasting consolation** and good hope through grace, <sup>17</sup>**Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.***

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