

{53} II Thessalonians

(13) But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, beloved brothers of the Lord, because God has from the beginning chosen you to salvation through purification^f of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

(14) To which He called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

(15) Therefore, brothers, stand fast, and hold on to the traditions which you have been taught, whether by word, or our letter.

(16) Now our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God, even our Father, Who has loved us, and has given *us* everlasting comfort and good hope through grace,

(17) Comfort your hearts, and establish yourselves in every good word and work.

Chapter 3

(1) Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have *free* course, and be glorified, even as *it is* with you:

(2) And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: because all *men* do not have faith.

(3) But the Lord is faithful, Who shall establish you, and keep *you* from evil.

(4) And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you both do and will do the things which we command you.

(5) And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

2:13f – sanctification – purification, growing in spiritual maturity