

STAYING STRONG FOR GOD IN TOUGH TIMES II Thess. 2:13 – 17

I. OUR RESPONSIBILITY – v. 15 to stay spiritually _____

A) stand firm – persistent, unmovable _____ standing firm!

B) hold fast – have a masterful _____

II. WHAT WE NEED FROM GOD IN THESE DAYS

A) His assurance of _____ – v. 13,14

1) Whom did He choose?

Joel 2:32 - everyone who calls on the Name of the Lord will be saved

John 3:16 - that whosoever believeth

Acts 2:21 - whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved

II Peter 3:9 - not willing that any should perish, but that all would come to repentance

Rev. 3:20 – I stand at the door and knock if anyone opens the door I will come in

_____ are a “whosoever”! Further reading: “Elect in the Son” by Robert Shank

2) For what has He chosen us?

Eph. 1:4 - He chose us in Him...to be holy and blameless in His sight.

Rom. 8:29 - we were predestined (chosen) to be conformed to the image of His Son

When we accept Christ - we are chosen to be _____.

B) His transforming work – sanctifying work of the Spirit and Truth – v. 13

1) Sanctification - Gal. 5:22,23 - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

It is us becoming more and more like _____ in every area of our life.

2) Belief in the _____ - obedience

C) To be aware of His _____ – v. 13, 16

D) To be encouraged by Him – v. 16,17

E) To experience His _____ – v. 16

1) Hope is faith directed toward the _____.

2) Hope is the trusting expectation that God will keep His Word.

3) Hope is manifested in stability, steadfastness, and certainty.

G) To experience His _____ – v. 17

1) In deeds – this is a word for _____ and employment.

2) In words – Isa. 50:4 - The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary.

CONCL. The goal of it all – sharing in the glory of God – v. 14

