

First Words:

The Education for Steadfastness – Part 2

A. A _____ to _____ - **2 Thessalonians 2:13–14** - *But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.¹⁴ To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

1. The _____ of commendation

a. The contrast – *But* – In contrast to those who refused the love of the truth and so be saved (v. 12)

b. The constraint - *....we ought ... to give thanks*

c. The consistency - *...always...*

d. The content - *.... to God for you...*

e. The characteristics - *... brothers beloved by the Lord....*

2. The _____ of commendation

a. The role of God - *... because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved...*

b. The role of the Spirit - *.... through sanctification by the Spirit.....*

c. The role of faith - *... and belief in the truth...*

d. The role of the gospel - *..... To this he called you through our gospel...*

e. The role of our Lord Jesus Christ - *...so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ*

Romans 8:30 - *And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.*

1 Peter 1:1–2 - *Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,² according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.*

B. A _____ to _____ – **2 Thessalonians 2:15** - *So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.*

1. The motive - *So then....*

2. The motivated - *....brothers...*

3. The mandate - *... stand firm and hold to the traditions...*

4. The means - *....that you were taught...*

5. The messengers - *...by us...*

6. . The methods - *... either by our spoken word or by our letter.*

C. A _____ to _____ – **2 Thessalonians 2:16-17** - *Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, ¹⁷ comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.*

1. The _____

a. Their person - *Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father*

b. Their provision - *....who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace.*

2. The _____

a. Comforting hearts - *....comfort your hearts...*

b. Establishing hearts - *...and establish them in every good work and word...*

Today's Takeaways

