

## Refocusing on what really matters

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17, p. 959

### I. THANK GOD FOR YOUR SPIRITUALLY SECURE POSITION (2 THESSALONIANS 2:13-15).

- A. Rest secure in your salvation and standing with God (2:13-14).
  - I am loved by the Lord (13a).
  - I am chosen by God from eternity past (13b; Ephesians 1:4).
  - I was saved by the work of the Spirit when I believed (13c).
  - I was called to salvation when I heard the gospel so I could forever experience the glory of Christ (14).
- B. Since you are secure, pursue spiritual stability (2:15).
  1. Stand firm – Decide your spiritual direction (15a).
  2. Hold fast – Commit to do what God's Word teaches (15b).

### II. ASK GOD FOR SPIRITUAL STRENGTH AND ENCOURAGEMENT (2 THESSALONIANS 2:16-17).

- A. Effective prayer begins with knowing God's love and our secure position is based on grace alone (2:16).
- B. Paul prayed for their encouragement (2:17a).
- C. Paul prayed for their strength to serve God effectively (2:17b).