

## 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

### *Sermon headings*

*You are loved, chosen, called*

*Hold fast*

*A prayer for encouragement and strengthening*

### **Recap**

1. In chapter 1, Paul thanked God for the perseverance and faith of the Thessalonians despite the persecutions they were suffering. He looked forward to the day when Jesus will return and put right all that's wrong. So far in chapter 2, Paul has described the pattern of history until Jesus returns. What are its chief features?

### **Read verses 13 and 14**

2. Why is Paul thankful to God?
3. How do these truths answer any fears the Thessalonians might have had about the future?
4. How can these truths address any fears we might have about the future?

### **Read verse 15**

5. What is the key thing we need to do in the face of opposition and false teaching?

6. Why is it significant that these teachings were 'passed on' by the apostles and didn't originate with them?
7. What scope do we have to amend or update these teachings, and why?

***Read verses 16 and 17***

8. Compare this prayer to the prayer in 1:11-12. What should we be doing as we wait for Jesus to return, and why?
9. In what specific ways can this prayer help us to pray for one another?

*Take time to share prayer requests and to pray about the things you've discussed.*