

Stand Firm (2Thess 2:13 – 3:5)

Key Verse: 2:15 So then, brothers & sisters, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught.

The Trinity in Salvation:

2:13 But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.

The Work of God For Us:

- 2:13 He Chose you - as first fruits
- 2:14 He Called you - through gospel
- 2:17 He Comforts you - in your heart
- 3:3 He Establishes you - in work & word
- 3:3 He Guards you - from evil
- 3:5 He Directs you - to the love of God

Our Lord Was Steadfast:

3:5 May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

The Lord Jesus always stood firm:

1. Always about His Father's business
2. He did not back down from those who challenged Him
3. He set his face as a flint to go to Jerusalem
4. He endured the torture and crucifixion and "finished" the work

We Should Also Stand Firm:

Acts 2: 41-42 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. And they continued steadfastly in:

- the apostles' doctrine and
- fellowship,
- in the breaking of bread, and
- in prayers