

2 Thessalonians

Stand Fast (2 Thessalonians 2:13-17)

Read: Stand Fast (2:13-17)

Explain: Stand Fast (2:13-17)

Are there any literary/structural observations?

Are there any repeated words?

_____/your (6), our (5), God (3), Lord (3), brethren (2), Christ (2), give/given (2), good (2), Jesus (2), us (2), word (2)

What do the words mean?

13 But we are bound [present active indicative; to owe, be under obligation, behave, be bound, _____, due, be guilty (indebted), need, ought, owe, should] **to give thanks** [*eu*_____ *teo*; present active infinitive; be grateful, express gratitude, say grace at a meal, give thanks] **to _____ always for you** [plural you], **brethren** [*adelphos*] **beloved** [*agapao*; _____ middle participle; to love, be loved] **by the Lord, because God from the beginning** [*arche*; a commencement, chief, beginning, corner, first, magistrate, power, principality, principle, rule] **chose** [second aorist middle indicative; to take for oneself, to prefer, choose] **you** [plural you] **for salvation** [*soteria*; rescue, safety, deliver, health, salvation, save, saving] **through sanctification** [*hagiasmos*; purification, purity, purifier, holiness, sanctification] **by the Spirit** [*pneuma*] **and belief** [*pistis*] **in the truth, 14 to which He called** [aorist active indicative; to call, bid, call forth, name (was called)] **you** [plural you] **by** [*dia*] **our gospel** [*euangelion*; good message, gospel], **for the obtaining** [acquisition, preservation, obtaining, peculiar, purchased, possession, saving] **of the glory** [*doxa*; glory (as very apparent), dignity, glorious, honor, praise, worship] **of our Lord Jesus Christ. 15 Therefore, brethren** [*adelphos*], **stand fast** [*steko*; present active _____; to be _____, to persevere, stand (fast)] **and hold the traditions** [*paradosis*; a _____, transmission, a precept, the Jewish traditional law, ordinance, tradition] **which you** [plural you] **were taught** [*didasko*; aorist middle indicative; to teach, teach], **whether by** [*dia*] **word** [*logos*] **or** [*dia*] **our epistle** [*epistole*; epistle, letter].

16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father [*pater*; father, parent], **who has loved** [*agapao*; aorist active participle] **us and given** [*didomi*; second aorist active participle; give, adventure, bestow, bring forth, commit, deliver (up), grant, hinder, make, minister, number, offer, have power, put, receive, set, shew, smite, strike, suffer, take, utter, yield] **us everlasting** [perpetual, eternal, for ever, everlasting, world (began)] **consolation** [*paraklesis*; imploration, hortation, solace, comfort, consolation, exhortation, intreaty] **and good** [*agathos*; good, benefit, well] **hope** [expectation, confidence, faith, hope] **by grace** [*charis*; graciousness, acceptable, benefit, favor, gift, gracious, joy, liberality, pleasure, thanks; same word used in **1:12**], **17 comfort** [*parakeleo*; aorist active _____]; to call near, invite, invoke (by imploration, hortation, consolation), beseech, call for, (be of good) comfort, desire, (give) exhortation, intreat, pray] **your** [plural you] **hearts** [*kardia*; heart, thoughts, feelings] **and establish** [*steridzo*; aorist active _____]; to set fast, to turn resolutely in a certain direction, to confirm, fix, (e-) stablish, steadfastly set, strengthen] **you** [plural you] **in every good** [*agathos*; good, benefit, well] **word** [*logos*] **and work** [*ergon*; work, toil, act, deed, doing, labor].

Apply (What is the point?)

1. _____ is to be thanked for faithfulness
2. Everyone needs encouragement to persevere
3. The gospel is a _____

Personalize (What do we do with that?)

1. Thank God for faithful believers
2. Encourage other believers to stand fast
3. _____ it away

Next week: Pray for Us (3:1-5)

Homework

1. Ask the Holy Spirit for help
2. Read next week's text (multiple times/multiple ways) (**2 Thessalonians 3:1-5**)
3. Talk to someone about the text ([fb.com/OurSundaySchool](https://www.facebook.com/OurSundaySchool) or in person)
4. Share ([fb.com/OurSundaySchool](https://www.facebook.com/OurSundaySchool)) insights and questions by Thursday
5. Invite a member or non-member