



**Finish: You Are Built to Last!**

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Text: 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

**Passage Summary:** As the return of Christ draws near, a growing \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ God has provided is the key to a faith filled finish!

**180 Degree Truth #1:** See that amidst the persecution and difficulties of life, it is essential for believers in the Lord Jesus Christ to know they are \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_! (2:13-17)

**Application:** Recognize that when it comes to believers who are built to last, they are...

- \_\_\_\_\_! (v.13a)

*“Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.”*

**Psalm 63:3**

**Remember:** When it comes to the salvation God has provided, there is contained within it a \_\_\_\_\_ that is better than \_\_\_\_\_(Psalm 63:3); a love that has the power to melt away bitterness and fear, refresh our weary souls, and inspire perseverance and hope!

- \_\_\_\_\_! (v.13b)

*“For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.”*

**Ephesians 1:4**

**Remember:** When it comes to the salvation God has provided for us in Christ, His choosing of you is not merely intended to unravel your \_\_\_\_\_, but to fill your \_\_\_\_\_ with affirmation, assurance and a steadfast perseverance!

- \_\_\_\_\_! (v.14)

*“Jesus answered them, ‘It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.’”*

**Luke 5:31-32**

*“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.”*

**Romans 8:28-30**

**Remember:** When it comes to the salvation God has provided for us in Christ, with His calling comes the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (Colossians 1:27), or as Paul would put it to the Romans, “I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.” (Romans 8:18)

**See that believers who are loved, chosen and called are those who are built to...**

Stay the \_\_\_\_\_! (v.15)

Stay \_\_\_\_\_ to sound doctrine! (v.15)

**Core Conviction to Live By:** Resolutely determine that you don’t have to spend a lot of money to discover that as a follower of Christ you are built to last; all you need is saving \_\_\_\_\_ and a humble, willing heart that deeply desires to know more about the \_\_\_\_\_ you have received in Christ!

*“May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.”*

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