

**Assurance of Salvation Calms the Heart**  
**2 Thessalonians 2:15-17**

Because of God's \_\_\_\_\_, we can stand firm in the faith.

What we \_\_\_\_\_ directly affects our \_\_\_\_\_.

2 Thessalonians 2:15; 1 Corinthians 16:13  
Galatians 5:1; Philippians 1:27; Hebrews 4:14

Paul was not introducing any new traditions (\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_) outside of what was communicated to the apostles by Christ.

2 Thessalonians 2:15; 3:6, 10; Genesis 2:15  
1 Corinthians 11:2

The \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ give hope that transcends this life.

The God of \_\_\_\_\_ gives eternal comfort and good hope to His people.

2 Thessalonians 2:16; 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

The comfort of the believer is in \_\_\_\_\_ to the comfort of the world.

The comfort that a believer receives is the direct result of God's \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ them eternally.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17; Hebrews 10:23

Only those who are saved by grace can and should have an \_\_\_\_\_ of comfort and good hope.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17; 1 Peter 1:13  
John 14:1-3

The God of all comfort and hope will strengthen His people in what they \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17; Colossians 3:17

## Quotes:

*They should continue faithfully in that teaching, holding on to it without wavering in any way even in the face of contrary opinion.*

Green, Gene L. 2002. *The Letters to the Thessalonians*. The Pillar New Testament Commentary. Grand Rapids, MI; Leicester, England: W.B. Eerdmans Pub.; Apollos.

*As yet the canon of scripture was not complete, and therefore some things were delivered by the apostles in their preaching, under the guidance of the infallible Spirit, which Christians were bound to observe as coming from God... There is no argument hence for regarding oral traditions in our days, now that the canon of scripture is complete, as of equal authority with the sacred writings.*

Henry, Matthew. 1994. *Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Whole Bible: Complete and Unabridged in One Volume*. Peabody: Hendrickson.

*What Paul taught was literally 'traditions', a word which brings out the fact that Paul's teaching was based on what he himself had been taught, the common faith of the early Christians.*

Marshall, I. Howard. 1994. "2 Thessalonians." In *New Bible Commentary: 21st Century Edition*, edited by D. A. Carson, R. T. France, J. A. Motyer, and G. J. Wenham, 4th ed., 1289. Leicester, England; Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press.

*We have no certain proof of anything having been delivered by the apostles, more than what we find contained in the Holy Scriptures. Let us then stand fast in the doctrines taught by the apostles, and reject all additions, and vain traditions.*

Henry, Matthew, and Thomas Scott. 1997. *Matthew Henry's Concise Commentary*. Oak Harbor, WA: Logos Research Systems.

*Papists, however, act a foolish part in gathering from this that their traditions ought to be observed... They act a still more ridiculous part in making it their aim to pass off, under this, the abominable sink of their own superstitions, as though they were the traditions of Paul... Now, what do these Epistles contain but pure doctrine, which overturns to the very foundation the whole of the Papacy, and every invention that is at variance with the simplicity of the Gospel?*

John Calvin - <https://www.studydrive.org/commentaries/eng/cal/2-thessalonians-2.html>

*Now the "comfort" that was offered in Greek society lacked genuine hope, and not a few ancients echoed the words of Theognis, "Best of all for mortals is never to have been born, but for those who have been born to die as soon as possible."*

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