

STANDING OUT: Stand Resilient

2 THESSALONIANS 2:13-17

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***You May Get Canceled by Them,
But Jesus Promises You'll Never be Canceled in Him.***

1. Stand Resilient in Preserved **Salvation** (13-14)

2. Stand Resilient in Protective **Solidarity** (15).

3. Stand Resilient in Powerful **Support** (16-17).

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But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. ¹⁴To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁵So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word. (ESV)

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Discussion Questions:

1. How does knowing the truths of our past, present, and future salvation comfort us in troubling times?
2. What does Paul refer to when he references “traditions?” How can we hold especially fast to God’s Word in these last days?
3. While it should move us to action as we see a rise in “church dropouts,” we should not be troubled to see that as we consider the last days. There will be a progressive falling away. What are some things we should be focused on to evangelize unsaved Christians among us?

Quote for the Week. . .

by Jerry Bridges



“Our reliance on the Spirit is not intended to foster an attitude of “I can’t do it,” but one of “I can do it through Him who strengthens me.” The Christian should never complain of want of ability and power. If we sin, it is because we choose to sin, not because we lack the ability to say no to temptation.”