**“Encouraged and Strengthened”**

**II Thess. 2:13-17**

THEME: **STAND FIRM**

**III. God’s Admonition to the Church is to Stand Firm!**

1. Against False Teaching! (I Cor. 15:1,2 & Gal. 5:1)
2. As a Word of Encouragement! (Phil. 1:27-30)
3. Waiting for the **2nd Coming** of Christ!

Background of II Thess. 2 = **False Teachers came saying that the Day of the Lord had already come, and they had missed the Rapture!**

**HOW CAN WE STAND FIRM?**

1. Know that you are **LOVED** by the Lord!

II Thess. 2:13 -

 (Also See I Jn. 3:1; Deut. 7:7,8; Eph. 3:17,18)

1. Know that God **CALLED** You!

II Thess. 2:14 –

To Share in His Glory = **HEAVEN**!

1. Know that God is Encouraging and **STRENGTHENING** You!

II Thess. 2:16,17

 Encourage Your Hearts: #3870

 -to call **NEAR**; to exhort and encourage

 Strengthen You: #4741

 -to be **STEADFAST**, strong and sure! To strengthen!

**II Thess. 2:15 – *“So then, brothers, STAND FIRM and HOLD TO the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.”***