Text: 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 Monroe Bible Church Topics: Christian Conduct, Encouragement, Salvation August 28, 2022 Series: 2 Thessalonians; Say it Again! Pastor Dan Krahenbuhl Stand Firm! I. You Have Been (13-14) You've been \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ by God for the glory of Christ! II. You Need to Be (15) to the \_\_\_\_\_ that we've taught you! III. You Will Be (16-17) \_\_\_\_\_ God to \_\_\_\_\_ you do the good that He has for you to do.

People are available Sunday mornings at the conclusion of each service to pray confidentially for your concerns. Simply come to the front as others are leaving ~ look for those wearing name tags. You can also email us your prayer requests.

<u>Application Questions</u> - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.

- 1. Who is the fellow believer that most encourages you to stay the course in your faith? What do they do that encourages you?
- 2. Read 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14. Why did Paul tell the Thessalonians that he and those with him should always thank God and Jesus for them?

What did Paul say about the Thessalonians that would also be true about you?

Do you thank the Lord for someone in your life? Why would it be a good thing to do? Why might someone thank the Lord for you?

3. Why might Paul be urging his readers to "stand firm" in verse 15?

What might have been some of the traditions he was referring to?

If God were to tell you to stand firm and hold to the traditions, what would God be referring to specifically?

- 4. What did Paul, in verse 16, tell the Thessalonians that Jesus and God the Father has given them by His grace? What purpose would it serve to tell them that?
- 5. What did Paul pray God would give to the Thessalonians in verse 17? Why might this be seen as their need?

In what specific ways do you have need for the same two things Paul identified in verse 17?