12. Why is it safe to say that though the spirit of Antichrist permeates our nation and world, the situation isn't hopeless?

13. Why does 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14 begin with a word of contrast?

14. People who don't receive the love of the truth are going to do what?

15. Why, according to 2:12 are people condemned?

16. Why are people saved?

17. According to 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12, people are damned because they choose what?

18. If you don't recognize how the truths stated here in 2 Thessalonians fit together it means that you recognize what?

19. Compared to our ways, God's ways are what?

20. When did the unconditional choice of God to save us take place?

- 21. Why does Paul thank God for the salvation of these people?
- 22. How did you get the faith to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ?

23. The first link in the chain of events which accomplishes the salvation of sinners is what?

24. In eternity past God sovereignly determined to set what on us?

25. God predetermines with whom He will enter into an intimate, personal love relationship and then He does what?

26. Have you historically viewed God's foreknowledge as God looking forward in time to see who will choose Him and then He chooses them?

27. The word, "know" in Scripture often is used to speak of what?

28. What references help us understand the answer to question 27?

29. When Scripture says that God "foreknew" us it simply means He did what?

30. What is the second link in the chain of the salvation God provides?

31. Revelation 17:8 says our names are written in the Book of Life from when?

32. Why do people who never believe in Jesus not believe?

33. According to Acts 13:48, who believed?

34. What are the two components to the third link in the chain of God's salvation process?

35. What is the divine side of that link?

36. In this passage is Paul talking about the progressive sanctification of the Christian or the positional sanctification?

37. What is the human side of this link?

38. Is anyone saved by being elect?

39. What is the means by which the Spirit works in us and how we

40. Is God unfair in choosing some and drawing them to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ?

41. The plan of God that begins with grace leads to what?

42. What does this teach us in relation to why it is impossible for a true believer to lose his/her salvation?

43. We are saved by what?

44. Do you believe in the living truth-the Lord Jesus Christ? Is He your personal Lord and Savior?

For Next Time: 1) Read 2 Thesslonians through one time; 2) Read chapter 2 each day this week; 3) Think through everything you know about what the Bible teaches about how to be saved. 4) How would you explain the doctrine of election to someone who asked you about it? 5) How should we respond to the doctrine of election? Is it a doctrine that promotes apathy? Why or why not? 6) What are areas of weakness in your life where you could be tripped up in the Christian life? What steps are you taking to make sure you don't trip up?

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

»> How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

»→ How can I accomplish this change?

»> What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

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The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon on **"The Links In The Chain of God's Salvation"**. All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. In the last four sermons on 2 Thessalonians we focused on a future world leader who is called what?

- 2. What is another name for this man of lawlessness?
- 3. Who is this man going to hate?
- 4. Almost all of 2 Thessalonians 2 is devoted to whom?
- 5. From I John 2:18, the last hour refers to what time period?
- 6. John tells us that there are many what in the world already?

7. We know that the spirit of Antichrist is already present in the world because so many people do what?

8. Do you really believe the Word of God when it says that Jesus and His truth and His people are under attack every single day in our nation and around the world?

9. Do you understand that God's people are in a war that has far greater consequences than the war against terrorism?

10. Do you have the same kind of passion and devotion and

awareness of the continues attack against Jesus, Christians, and Christianity, as the world has concerning the war on terrorism?

11. The destruction of the spiritual war is not temporal, but what?