

14. If we look at election from the right standpoint we see it as an unfathomable act of what?
15. Left to ourselves, none of us would do what?
16. The writers of the New Testament tell us these things so that we will have what attitudes in our heart and mind?
17. How do people often respond when they are taught the doctrine of election?
18. How do you respond?
19. What is probably the worst possible response to the doctrine of election?
20. God, in his infinite mercy, told us about this doctrine so that what would increase?
21. How does Paul describe the believer in I Thessalonians 1:2-4?
22. What are several references in Scripture referring to the “elect”?
23. Salvation comes to fruition through faith which is prompted by whom?
24. What was God’s choice NOT based upon?
25. 2 Timothy 1:9 says that God’s choice is based upon what?
26. What is our only response to God for choosing some to salvation?
27. Ephesians 2:1 says that we were what?
28. According to 2 Thessalonians 2:15, in light of the fact that we have been chosen by God and we are the elect of God, we should do what?
29. In Matthew 15:6 and Colossians 2:8, how is the word, “traditions” used?
30. The word, “tradition” simply means what?
31. When Paul exhorts the Thessalonians to “hold the traditions” he is saying what to them?
32. What lie were the Galatians “buying into”?
33. Going under the Mosaic law is the path to what?
34. What is the heartbreak of spiritual leadership?
35. What were some of the things the people in Corinth were doing?
36. Paul wrote Colossians because a cult was moving in, teaching what?
37. What were some of the reasons why James wrote his letter?
38. Who wrote his letters because some of the brethren were compromising truth and were not being loving?
39. Hebrews was written because Jewish believers were considering doing what in light of their persecution?
40. Paul’s greatest desire for God’s people was to see them what?
41. Paul wanted the Philippians to be characterized by what?
42. It is easy to slip in the Christian life because what three things are pulling at us and tugging at us?
43. What is the heart’s desire of any spiritual parent?
44. There is nothing more heart breaking then to know that one’s spiritual children are doing what?
45. In 2 Corinthians 11, Paul described his hurt as what?

46. Do you have the same kind of passionate spiritual concern for the spiritual condition of those around you? If not, why?

47. In Acts 11:19-23, what does Barnabas encourage people to do?

48. What should you pray for when you pray for other believers?

49. What does Peter encourage us to do in 2 Peter 3:18?

50. What is possibly the consummate verse on this subject?

51. By meditating in the Word of God, day and night you become what?

52. Are you slowly being led away from steadfastness by the error of the wicked? The flesh? The world? In what way?

53. Please take time to do the following:

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?

For Next Time: 1) Read 2 Thessalonians through one time; 2) Read chapter 2 each day this week; 3) Did you see anything in your life this last week where you might have a weakness and a tendency to slip and fall in the Christian life? What might God want you to do to avoid falling? 4) What are some ways that people wrongfully try to stand strong and not fall spiritually? 5) What is the biblical way to stand strong, to not slip and fall? Discuss with a Christian friend this week.

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**STAND STRONG AND DON'T STRAY**

**2 Thessalonians 2:15 (Series#11)**

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon on "Stand Strong and Don't Stray". 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. What often happens to people in the midst of the debate about divine election?

2. When Paul uses the word, "therefore" it tells us that what he is about to say is based upon what?

3. Verses 13-14 of 2 Thessalonians 2 set forth what profound doctrine?

4. When did God sovereignly determine to set His love upon us?

5. Fill in the blanks: "Then, in time, He \_\_\_\_\_ us by the gospel, His Spirit set us \_\_\_\_\_ to work in our hearts, He gave us the gift of \_\_\_\_\_ and we believed in Jesus."

6. As the last phrase of verse 14 tells us, all of this will certainly culminate in us obtaining what?

7. What doctrine did Paul not preach to unbelievers when he preached the gospel to them?

8. The doctrine of election is not for whom?

9. The doctrine of election is for whom?

10. The reason why so many Christians struggle with the doctrine of election is because they believe what?

11. Many believers, when they see that God doesn't give salvation to everyone, have a natural tendency to say what?

12. The only thing that God owes us is what?

13. Everything outside of the lake of fire is what?