

Helping the hurting

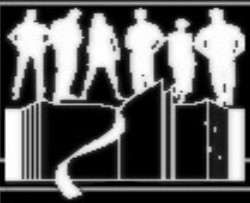
2Thess 2:13-17





2Thessalonians 2:

13 But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth. 14 It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 15 So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the



2Thessalonians 2:

traditions which you were taught, whether by word *of mouth* or by letter from us.

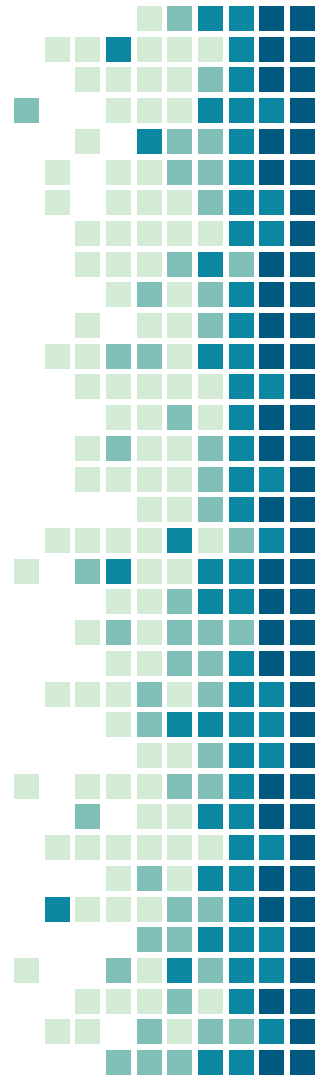
16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace, 17 comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word.

Child-like greatness!



God's work in us...

- Father's heart to us...
 - Give thanks for who we are
 - Brethren – *adelphos*
 - Beloved of the Lord
 - Sets the foundation...



God's work for us

- Chosen from the beginning
 - 'to take for oneself' – *harieomai*
 - For His company, intimacy
 - He is on “your side” ... growth!
 - Not all things are good, but God will work them out for your good



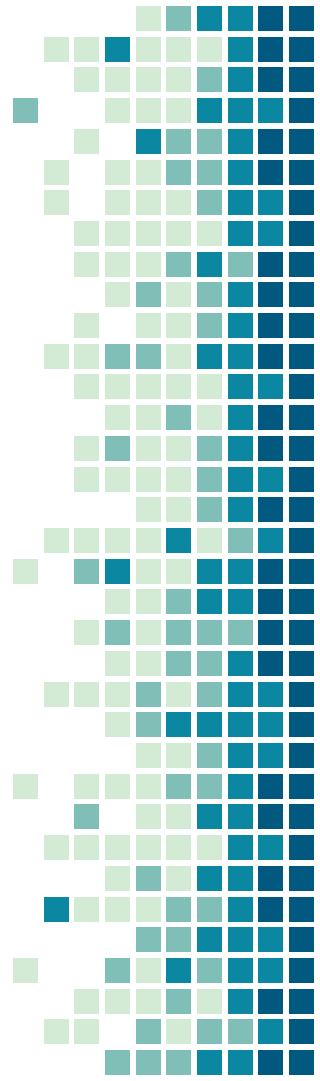


Romans 8:

²⁶ In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for *us* with groanings too deep for words; ²⁷ and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to *the will of God*. ²⁸ And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

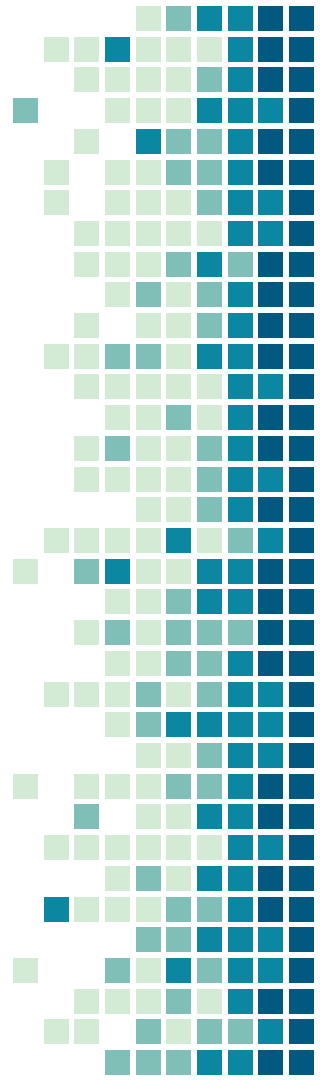
What is Salvation?

- *Soteria* – God's Plan...
 - Penalty = death/separation
 - Power = fear, dread, loss
 - Presence = in His Love now!
 - Pleasure = eternity...
- And one thing more...



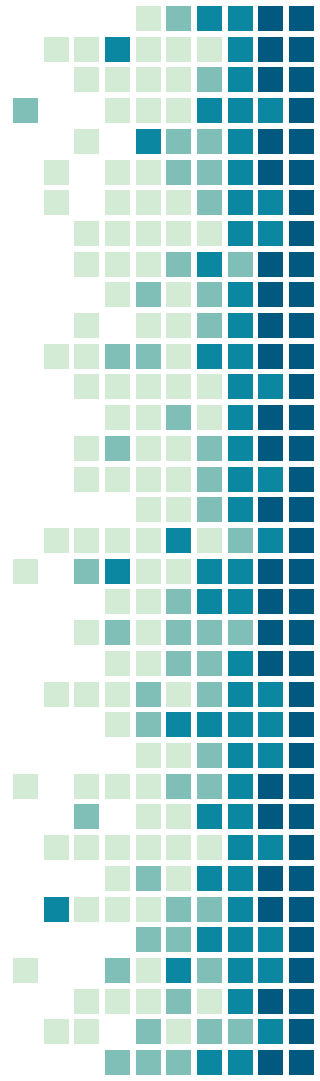
Hbly in the Spirit!

- Here is the great goal...
 - 'by the Spirit'
 - Faith in the truth
- “Nothing will stabalize us in suffering like biblical truth.”



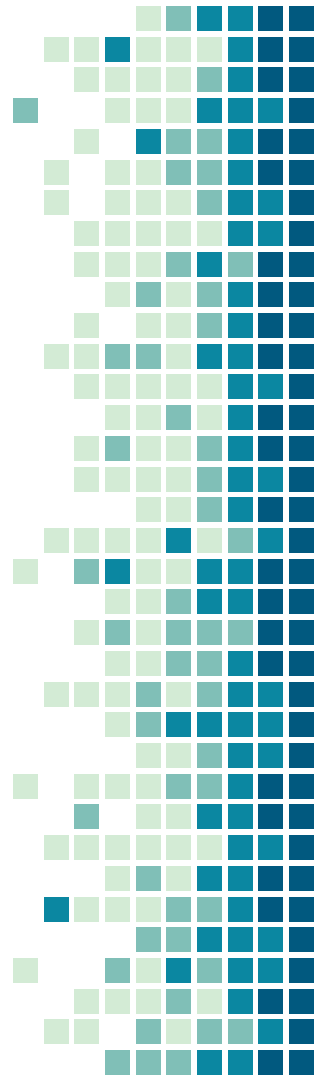
Calling to the Called

- stand firm, preserve, persist...
- “hold fast” -be the master of
 - Traditions? Yes! Scripture
 - Shared by mouth with HS
 - Places of certainty in us...



Intercession...

- Early blessing... pray for
- JCH himself, God our Father
 - God's love to do it's work
 - Eternal comforting *paraklesis*
 - Personal and up close touch



Final goal:

- Good hope by grace... power!
- Comfort & strengthen...
 - Your heart! emotion, passion
 - Every good work & word

