



Lesson 14: Truth for Troubled Times

II Thessalonians 2:13-17

2. **Read I Corinthians 13:4-8a.**
 - a. How many different ways can you count that love manifests itself in action?
 - b. How many of these characteristics of love could be applied to the way God loves us?
 - c. From the outline of this lesson, list the specific ways God's love was manifested in action to each believer:

3. **When were the elect of God chosen by Him? (Ephesians 1:4)**
 - a. Why were the elect chosen? (Ephesians 1:4)
 - b. What should characterize the elect of God? (Colossians 3:12)
 - c. How do the characteristics mentioned in Colossians 3:12 support the idea of ongoing sanctification of the believer?



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- d. What is the ongoing effect of salvation in the believer's life?
(II Thessalonians 2:13)

 - e. Who, besides believers, has been elected (chosen) by God?
(I Timothy 5:21)

 - f. To whom had Paul committed his life in spite of hardships?
(II Timothy 2:10)

 - g. From a human perspective, how did the salvation of the elect depend upon Paul's faithfulness? (II Timothy 2:10)
- 4. Read II Corinthians 4:7-18.**
- a. What do our weak, earthly vessels demonstrate when we suffer?
(verse 7)

 - b. How do verses 8-9 illustrate the concept of "standing firm?"

 - c. When we suffer, what do we manifest in our bodies? (verses 10-11)



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- d. How do verses 13-14 illustrate the concept of “holding true?”

 - e. Why did Paul not lose heart when he suffered? (verse 16)

 - f. How does Paul contrast the “weight” of affliction with the “weight” of glory? (verse 17)

 - g. If you focus on your suffering, what eternal principle are you violating? (verse 18)
5. **Why are present day sufferings of little relative consequence: (Romans 8:18)**