



## **SERMON NOTES**

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Scripture: II Thessalonians 2:16-17 (NAS)

“The Pronouncement of a Blessing”

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- 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.

### **I. BENEDICTION**

- A. Why Here?
- B. Purpose Of The Blessing
- C. Parallel With Peter’s Testing *Luke 22:31-32*

### **II. THE BENEDICTION IS ADDRESSED TO:**

- A. Lord Jesus Christ—Pointing To His Divinity *John 1:1-3*
- B. God The Father
- C. One God *Deuteronomy 6:4; John 10:30; I Corinthians 8:6; I John 2:23*

### **III. THE BASIS OF THE BLESSING** *Ephesians 1:4,5*

- A. God’s Love
- B. Love Demonstrated *John 3:16; Romans 5:8; John 15:13*
- C. Secure In The Knowledge Of His Love *Psalms 121:1*

### **IV. COMFORT GIVEN**

- A. Eternal In Nature

B. Based On God’s Grace *Romans 5:1-2, 5; Hebrews 6:19-20*

1. Sweet knowledge of sins forgiven *I John 1:9*

2. We are children of God, members of His Kingdom *Song of Solomon 2:4*

C. Our Hope Brings Comfort *Isaiah 40:1*

1. Now

2. In The Future *Hebrews 11:1; Romans 8:24; Jeremiah 32:25; Romans 3:23-24*

**OUR RESPONSE TO THIS COMFORT AND BLESSING  
IS TO REMAIN STEADFAST AND FAITHFUL** *I Corinthians 15:58*