**Anchor ourselves in Christ! (2 Thess. 2:13-3:5)**

Change: the one constant in life

Unsettling

Resist what we don’t know

A cost

How should we navigate change, especially when we feel unsettled?

20/20 Vision

Upcoming sermons: Move forward in maturity! Join in God’s mission!

Implies change. Can be scary

So first things first

**Anchor ourselves in Christ (cf. 2:15)**

What the Thessalonian church was going through (2:1-2)

A church that truly wants to follow Christ…

How can we anchor ourselves in Christ?

Ans: We anchor ourselves in Christ by grasping who we truly are

(2:13-14)

**i. We’re loved by the Lord**

**ii. We’re chosen as firstfruits**

**iii. We’re saved**

**iv. We’re sanctified**

**v. We will be glorified**

Imagine if Paul never said v.13-14.

Hold fast to his word (v.15) to be reminded!

When anchored in Christ, can deal with God’s agenda and the necessary changes that flow from it.

**Agenda item 1: The advance of the gospel in the world (3:1-3)**

“just as it was with you” (cf. 1 Thess. 1:6, 9-10, 2:13)

Don’t be naive

**Agenda item 2: The strengthening of God’s church (3:4-5, 2:16-17)**

Wrapping things up:

* Don’t make “church as it’s always been” your anchor, make Christ the anchor!
* Remain faithful to God’s agenda, even if that means changing
* Don’t neglect the fundamentals