## Chosen??

- 2 Th 2:10 ...they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved ... (found no place for the truth—NET)
  2:12 ... all of them, who have not believed the truth but have delighted in evil, will be condemned ...
  - **2Th 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 ...

2 Th 2:15 ...Stand Firm (in the midst of persecution)
Hold (grasp) the "Traditions" you received from US

## παραδόσις

teaching, instructions, precepts (principles)

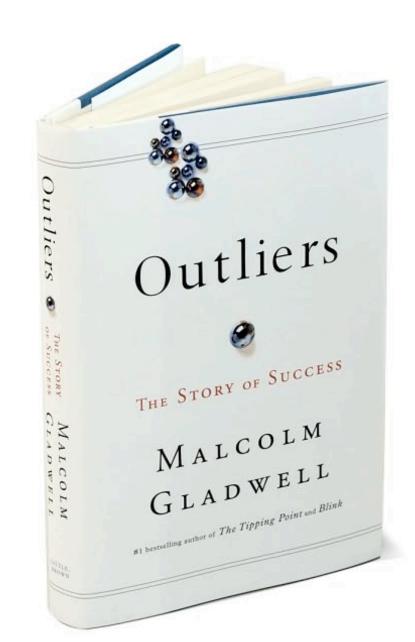
*Mat 15:3* And He answered and said to them, "Why do you yourselves **transgress** the commandment of God for the sake of your *tradition*? *15:6* ... you **invalidated** the word of God for the sake of your *tradition* 

1Cor 11:2 I praise you because you remember me in everything and hold firmly to the traditions, just as I delivered them to you.

## **Hold** the "*Traditions*"

"We are almost incurably convinced that the use of notebooks is essential to the learning process. This, however, was not the case in the first century. At that time, it was often held that if a man had to look something up in a book he did not really know it. The true scholar was a person who had committed to memory the things he had learned. *Until a man had a teaching in his memory he was not considered really to have mastered it.*"

Leon Morris, The Gospel According to John: Revised Edition, pp. 38-39



**2:16-17** We pray for you (Y'all)...

3:1-2 Please pray for us ...

3:3-4 Remember ... God is Faithful So... YOU (Y'all) be faithful

## 3:5 May the Lord lead you to Love and Perseverance

"Love of God" God's love for us—and our love for God

"Endurance of Christ" We endure for Christ—and Christ endures for us

