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# Through The Bible

## Session 43

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*From the miracle of our origin to the mystery of our destiny*

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# Pastoral Epistles

- Timothy met and joined Paul on his 2<sup>nd</sup> missionary journey
  - Timothy's grandmother and mother may have both been converted during Paul's 1<sup>st</sup> missionary journey
- Titus was converted through Paul.
  - We are not formally introduced, but he becomes one of Paul's most trusted companions
- Philemon was a member of the church at Colossae, and friend of Paul

# Time of Writing

- Philemon:
  - Written around 60 AD, sent from Rome with the letter to the Colossians
- 1 Timothy:
  - Written around 64 AD, from Greece
- Titus:
  - Written around 65 AD, from Greece
- 2 Timothy:
  - Written around 68 AD, from Macedonia



# The Letters To Timothy

Paul's 'Son in the Faith'



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Missionary Journey:

Paul met Timothy at Lystra

Acts 16:1

# Paul & Timothy

<sup>1</sup> Then he came to Derbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a certain Jewish woman who believed, but his father was Greek.

<sup>2</sup> He was well spoken of by the brethren who were at Lystra and Iconium.

<sup>3</sup> Paul wanted to have him go on with him. And he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in that region, for they all knew that his father was Greek.

**Acts 16:1-3**



# Paul & Timothy

5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

**2 Timothy 1:5**

# Timothy's Background

- Timothy was the son of a Greek father and Jewish mother *Acts 16:1*
  - No mention is made of his father being a Christian, but his mother Eunice and grandmother Lois were both known for their sincere faith *2 Tim 1:5*
- Timothy was no doubt living at Lystra when Paul visited that city on his first missionary journey *Acts 14:6; 16:1*
- He had earned a good reputation *Acts 16:2-5*
  - Paul had probably not led him to Christ, but recognised God's call on his life and invited him to join him in ministry *2 Tim 1:5,6; 3:15*

# Timothy's Background

- Timothy already knew and believed the Old Testament Scriptures, thanks to his mother and grandmother, **2 Tim 3:15**
  - Timothy's promise for the ministry was recognised early **1 Tim 1:18; 4:14; 2 Tim 4:5**
  - Apparently certain prophetic utterances confirmed Timothy's appointment **1 Tim 1:18; 4:14**
- Paul became like a spiritual father to the young man, referring to him as
  - "my true son in the faith"** **1 Tim 1:2**
  - and "my dear son"** **2 Tim 1:2; Phil 2:22**

# Timothy's Background

- Thus, Paul took him on as a companion and he became one of the apostle's most trustworthy fellow-laborers

Rom 16:21; 1 Cor 16:10; Phil 2:19-23; 1 Thes 3:2

- He also became Paul's faithful representative and messenger

Acts 19:22; 1 Cor 4:17; 2 Cor 1:19; Phil 2:19; 1 Thes 3:2, 6

- Six of Paul's epistles include Timothy in the salutations

2 Cor 1:1; Phil 1:1; Col 1:1; 1 Thes 1:1; 2 Thes 1:1; Phn 1

# Timothy's Background

- Timothy's mixed parentage caused Paul to have him circumcised Acts 16:3
  - This appears contrary to the decision of the Jerusalem Council held shortly before the second missionary journey Acts 15:27-29
  - Titus was not compelled to be circumcised Gal 2:3
- Paul wanted to maximize the effectiveness of Timothy's ministry: This mixed parentage could have become an occasion for serious offense in Jewish circles if he had remained uncircumcised

# Background To 1 Timothy

- After being released from his first Roman imprisonment Paul, with Timothy by his side, evidently revisited some of the churches in Asia, including Ephesus.
- On his departure from Ephesus, Paul left Timothy behind to provide leadership to the congregation.
- Then, after an interval, Paul wrote Timothy a letter, 1 Timothy, urging him on in that ministry.

# Background To 1 Timothy

## 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy:

- 1) Faith of the church; doctrine
- 2) Order of the church
- 3) Officers of the church
- 4) Apostasy that was coming
- 5-6) Duties of the officers



# Paul's 1st Epistle To Timothy



# The Importance of Doctrine

- 1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope;*
- 2 Unto Timothy, my own son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.*
- 3 As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine,*

**1 Timothy 1:1-3**

# The Importance of Doctrine

- Paul is going to highlight doctrine 12x
  - Doctrine is intrinsically linked to Salvation
  - We must be discerning between GOOD doctrine and BAD doctrine
  - A minister should labour in the WORD & Doctrine
  - “If it is taught in the book of Acts, and expounded on in the epistles, it becomes church doctrine”.
    - it is the foundations and non-negotiable fundamentals of what we believe. It is what defines us as Christians

# Doctrine's Precious Companion

5 Now the end of the commandment is **charity** out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:

1 Timothy 1:5

- Charity = Love
- Charity has the idea of giving for others at your own expense

# Our Great Allies #1

<sup>8</sup> But we know that the law is good, if a man use it  
**lawfully;**

<sup>9</sup> Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners

**1 Timothy 1:8-9**

- The Law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul! - **Psalm 19:7**

# Our Great Allies #2

<sup>1</sup> I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

<sup>2</sup> For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.

<sup>3</sup> For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;

<sup>4</sup> Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

**1 Timothy 2:1-4**

# Ground Rules

*I1 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.*

*I2 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.*

*I3 For Adam was first formed, then Eve.*

*I4 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.*

**1 Timothy 2:11-14**

- Note: the basis of this instruction is not cultural, but spiritual

# Ground Rules

- 1 This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.*
- 2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;*
- 3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;*

**1 Timothy 3:1-7**

# Ground Rules

- 4 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;
- 5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)
- 6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.
- 7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

**1 Timothy 3:1-7**



# Ground Rules

- <sup>8</sup> Likewise must the deacons be grave, not doubletongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre;
- <sup>9</sup> Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.
- <sup>10</sup> And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being found blameless.

**1 Timothy 3:8-10**

# Warning Signs

- <sup>1</sup> Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;
- <sup>2</sup> Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;
- <sup>3</sup> Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

**1 Timothy 4:1-3**

# Practical Advice!

8 For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

**1 Timothy 4:8**

# Living Example

<sup>22</sup> Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.

1 Timothy 5:22

- Laying on of hands symbolises identification with the recipient
- The High Priest laid hands on the sacrifice
- Believers laid hands on missionaries
  - The one sent was in the stead of others
- Be careful what & who you are identified with!
- Don't become an accomplice!
- Keep yourself uncontaminated!

# Inordinate Affection

**IO** For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

**II** But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

**1 Timothy 6:10-11**



# Paul's 2nd Epistle To Timothy

# Background To 2 Timothy

- Timothy had become so dear to Paul that in the apostle's last message was a touching appeal to see Timothy strengthened in the faith now that Paul was ready to depart
- And for Timothy to join him in his final days of imprisonment that they might mutually encourage each other

2 Tim 1:4; 4:9, 21

# Background To 2 Timothy

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy:

- 1) Afflictions & Suffering of the church
- 2) Activity of the church
- 3-4) Allegiance of the church



# ...a word of encouragement

<sup>6</sup> Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

<sup>7</sup> For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

<sup>8</sup> Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

**2 Timothy 1:6-8**

# ...a word of encouragement

*9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,*

*10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:*

**2 Timothy 1:9-10**

# ...a word of encouragement

**11** Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

**12** For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

**2 Timothy 1:6-8**

# Abundant Grace

*I* Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

**2 Timothy 2:1**

# Marching Orders

*3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.*

*4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.*

**2 Timothy 2:3-4**

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# Defining Moment

**19** Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

**20** But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.

**21** If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

**2 Timothy 2:19-20**

# Basic Expectation

- <sup>24</sup> And the **servant of the Lord** must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,
- <sup>25</sup> In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

**2 Timothy 2:24-25**



# The Last Days

- 1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.
- 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
- 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,
- 4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

**2 Timothy 3:1-7**

# The Last Days

- 5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.
- 6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,
- 7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

**2 Timothy 3:1-7**

# Know What To Expect!

**12** Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

**13** But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

**2 Timothy 3:12-13**

# God-Breathed

**16** All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

**17** That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

**2 Timothy 3:16-17**

# Preach The Word!

- <sup>1</sup> I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;
- <sup>2</sup> Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

**2 Timothy 4:1-4**

# Preach The Word!

- 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;*
- 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.*

**2 Timothy 3:16-17**

# Finishing Line

*7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:*

*8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.*

**2 Timothy 4:7-8**



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