

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy

## Chapter 1:1-11

“Paul’s Last Will and Testament”

# Loyalty

- This epistle seems to emphasize one word above others: **Loyalty**
  - Loyalty in suffering Chap. 1
  - Loyalty in service Chap. 2
  - Loyalty in apostasy Chap 3 -4:5
  - The Lord's loyalty to His servants in desertion Chap. 4:6-22

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of  
God, according to the promise of life which is in  
Christ Jesus,

**2 Timothy 1:1**

- We are only what we are by His grace!
- Paul not ashamed to declare who he was because he knew it was not of his doing

# The Will of God

- The Will of God is seen in 4 ways:
  - His Sovereign Will
    - “The Mystery of His Will”
  - His Revealed Will
    - The Word of God
  - His Will for mankind
    - Salvation
  - His Will for the Believer
    - Sanctification

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of  
God, according to **the promise of life** which is in  
Christ Jesus,

2 Timothy 1:1

- We are all beneficiaries of the promise of life!
- Notice the ‘foundation’ of the promise of life...
- It is in (and only in) Christ Jesus!
  - It is *not* in you or any other person or thing!

To Timothy, *my* dearly beloved son: Grace,  
mercy, *and* peace, from God the Father and  
Christ Jesus our Lord.

**2 Timothy 1:2**

- Paul's "spiritual son" . . .
  - It is interesting that Paul added "mercy" to his greeting when he wrote to pastors  
**1 Tim 1:2; 2 Tim 1:2; Titus 1:4**
  - Paul knew that pastors earned the need for mercy!

I thank God, whom I serve from *my* forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;

**2 Timothy 1:3**

- How's *your* prayer list?
- Is your pastor on it?
- How about our political leaders?

Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy;

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 1:4,5**

- Lois, Timothy's grandmother, was the first one in the family to be won to Christ; then his mother, Eunice



# Timothy

- Timothy's father was Greek so Eunice had not practiced the orthodox Jewish faith  
Acts 16:1
- However, they had seen to it that Timothy was taught the Scriptures  
2 Tim 3:15
- When Paul came to Lystra on his 1<sup>st</sup> missionary journey, it may have been the occasion for Timothy's conversion.
- On his return on his 2<sup>nd</sup> journey, he enlisted Timothy into Christian service

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.

**2 Timothy 1:6**

- The blessing of accountability!
- It is good to have others keep watch over our souls, lives and ministries!
- “Stir up” **ἀναζωπυρέω**, ä-nä-zō-pü-re'-ō
  - a. the remains of a fire, embers;
  - b. that by which the fire is kindled anew or lighted up
    - **to kindle anew, rekindle, resuscitate, to kindle up, inflame, one's mind, strength, zeal**
    - Xenophon, “of a horse roused to his utmost”

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

2 Timothy 1:7

- “Fear” = *deilia* (only here): timidity, fearfulness, *cowardice*
- “Sound mind” = *sophronismos*, an admonishing or calling to soundness of mind, to moderation and self-control; thus discipline... (*but not brashness*)!

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 1:8**

- This chapter could be called, “Afflictions of the Gospel,”
  - there are many who feel the Christian life is a path that ought to be easy,
  - Paul’s challenge to ‘walk the talk’ includes a commitment to our own personal lifestyles.

"To my son I leave the  
pleasure of earning a  
living.

For 25 years he thought  
the pleasure was all mine.

He was mistaken."

(Apparently this was found in a will!)

# Afflictions of the Gospel

- None of us enjoy suffering.  
Even our Lord prayed,
  - *“Father, if Thou be willing, remove this cup from Me”* **Luke 22:42**
- Jesus made it clear,
  - *“In the world ye shall have tribulation (trouble): but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”* **John 16:33**
  - *“If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.”* **John 15:18**

# Eschatological Cop-out?

"Just because we believe that Christians will not go through that specific segment of time called "the Great Tribulation," where do we get the arrogance to assume that we will be spared what most of the Body of Christ, throughout most of the world, for most of the last 2000 years, has had to endure?"

Chuck Missler

“If you were not  
strangers here,  
the hounds of the  
world would not  
bark at you!”



Samuel Rutherford



**"As the world hated  
Christ - so it hates  
those who bear  
His image. It was  
the unregenerate  
'religious' world which  
most fiercely opposed  
Him - and sufficient  
for the disciple to be  
as his Master."**

**- A. W. Tozer [Treasures From Tozer]**



"Persecution is the touchstone of sincerity. It discovers true saints from hypocrites. Unsound hearts look good in prosperity—but in time of persecution fall away (Matthew 13:20, 21). Hypocrites cannot sail in stormy weather. They will follow Christ to Mount Olivet but not to Mount Calvary."  
-Thomas Watson [Persecution]



“Faith is not belief in spite of the evidence...

Faith is obedience in spite of the consequences!



- Chuck Missler

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,

2 Timothy 1:9

- *When?!*
- *Before the foundation of the World!* Rev 17:8
- All along God had a plan for us! Eph 1:4
- He alone knows the end from the beginning.

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 1:10**

- “Abolished death” = *since He has made of none effect death.*
- Remember Paul is writing this letter from prison where the sentence of death is upon him.

# The Only Way

- *“Man cannot be saved by perfect obedience, because he is incapable of rendering it. He cannot be saved by imperfect obedience, because God will not accept it”*
- The only solution is:

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: **no man cometh unto the Father,** but by me.

John 14:6

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

2 Timothy 1:11

- *“Get into the habit of examining in the sight of God the things that sound humble before men, and you will be amazed at how staggeringly impertinent they are. “Oh, I shouldn’t like to say I am sanctified; I’m not a saint.” Say that before God; and it means – “No, Lord, it is impossible for You to save and sanctify me; there are chances I have not had; so many imperfections in my brain and body; no, Lord, it isn’t possible.” That may sound wonderfully humble before men, but before God it is an attitude of defiance.*

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

**2 Timothy 1:11**

- *“Again, the things that sound humble before God may sound the opposite before men. To say – “Thank God, I know I am saved and sanctified,” is in the sight of God the acme of humility, it means you have so completely abandoned yourself to God that you know He is true. Never bother your head as to whether what you say sounds humble before men or not, but always be humble before God, and let Him be all in all.*

– **Oswald Chambers – My Utmost For His Highest**





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