

The Second Epistle Of Paul To Timothy

The Argument

The Apostle being now ready to confirm that doctrine with his blood, which he had professed and taught, encourageth Timothy (and in him all the faithful) in the faith of the Gospel, and in the constant and sincere confession of the same; willing him not to shrink for fear of afflictions, but patiently to attend the issue, as do husbandmen, which at length receive the fruits of their labors, and to cast off all fear and care, as soldiers do which seek only to please their captain; shewing him briefly the sum of the Gospel, which he preached, commanding him to preach the same to others, diligently taking heed of contentions, curious disputations, and vain questions, to the intent that his doctrine may all together edify. Considering that the examples of Hymenaeus and Philetus, which subverted the true doctrine of the resurrection, were so horrible; and yet to the intent that no man should be offended at their fall, being men of authority and in estimation, he sheweth that all that profess Christ, are not his, and that the Church is subject to this calamity that the evil must dwell amongst the good until God's trial come; he referreth them whom he hath elected, even to the end. And that Timothy should not be discouraged by the wicked, he declareth what abominable men, and dangerous times shall follow, willing him to arm himself with the hope of the good issue that God will give unto his, and to exercise himself diligently in the Scriptures, both against the adversaries, and for the utility of the Church, desiring him to come to him for certain necessary affairs, and so with his and others salutations endeth.

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3 He commendeth Timothy's faith, 6 and exhorteth him to go on faithfully in the charge committed unto him; 8 and that neither for his bonds, 9 nor the revolting of others, he faint. 11 He triumpheth of his Apostleship. 14 He willeth him to have care of the thing committed unto him, 16 and praiseth Onesiphorus.

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

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

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

4 Desiring to see thee, mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy;

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

6 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.

7 For God hath not given to us the Spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

8 Be not therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, neither of me his prisoner, but be partaker of the afflictions of the Gospel according to the power of God;

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

10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality unto light through the Gospel.

11 Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and Apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

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

13 Keep the true pattern of the wholesome words, which thou hast heard of me in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

14 That worthy thing, which was committed to thee, keep through the holy Ghost, which dwelleth in us.

15 This thou knowest, that all they which are in Asia, be turned from me, of which sort are Phygellus and Hermogenes.

16 The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus, for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain,

17 But when he was at Rome, he sought me out very diligently, and found *me*.

18 The Lord grant unto him, that he may find mercy with the Lord at that day, and in how many things he hath ministered unto me at Ephesus, thou knowest very well.

2 Timothy 2

2 The better to set out perseverance in the Christian warfare, 3 he taketh similitudes, 4 from soldiers, 6 and from husbandmen. 10 He sheweth that his bonds are for the profit of the Saints; 15 Then he warneth Timothy to divide the word of truth aright, 17 to beware of the examples of the wicked, 22 and to do all things modestly.

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

2 And what things thou hast heard of me, by many witnesses, the same deliver to faithful men, which shall be able to teach others also.

3 Thou therefore suffer affliction as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

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

5 And if any man also strive for a mastery, he is not crowned, except he strive as he ought to do.

6 The husbandman must labor before he receive the fruits.

7 Consider what I say, and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.

8 Remember that Jesus Christ, *made* of the seed of David, was raised again from the dead according to my Gospel,

9 Wherein I suffer trouble as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.

10 Therefore I suffer all things for the elect's sake, that they might also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

11 *It is* a true saying, For if we be dead together *with him*, we also shall live together *with him*.

12 If we suffer, we shall also reign together *with him*; if we deny *him*, he also will deny us.

13 If we believe not, *yet* abideth he faithful, he cannot deny himself.

14 Of these things put them in remembrance, and protest before the Lord, that they strive not about words, which is to no profit, *but* to the perverting of the hearers.

15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, dividing the word of truth aright.

16 Avoid profane and vain babblings, for they shall increase unto more ungodliness.

17 And their word shall fret as a canker, of which sort is Hymaeneus and Philetus,

18 Which as concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already, and do destroy the faith of certain.

19 But the foundation of God remaineth sure, and hath this seal, The Lord knoweth who are his; and, Let every one that calleth on the Name of Christ, depart from iniquity.

20 Notwithstanding in a great house are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth, and some for honor, and some unto dishonor.

21 If any man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the Lord, and prepared unto every good work.

22 Flee also from the lusts of youth, and follow after righteousness, faith, love, *and* peace, with them that call on the Lord with a pure heart,

23 And put away foolish and unlearned questions, knowing that they engender strife.

24 But the servant of the Lord must not strive, but *must* be gentle toward all men, apt to teach, suffering the evil men, *patiently*,

25 Instructing them with meekness that are contrary minded, *proving* if God at any time will give them repentance, that they may acknowledge the truth,

26 And that they may come to amendment out of the snare of the devil, of whom they are taken prisoners, to *do* his will.

2 Timothy 3

1 He foretelleth the dangerous times that are to ensue; 9 but with certain hope of victory, 10 he encourageth him to the combat, 14 setting out especially the trial of sound doctrine.

1 This know also, that in the last days shall come perilous times.

2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, cursed speakers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

3 Without natural affection, truce breakers, false accusers, intemperate, fierce, despisers of them which are good,

4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God,

5 Having a shew of godliness, but have denied the power thereof; turn away therefore from such.

6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive simple women laden with sins, and led with divers lusts,

7 *Which women are* ever learning, and are never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

8 And as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth, men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

9 But they shall prevail no longer; for their madness shall be evident unto all men, as theirs also was.

10 ¶ But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of living, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, patience,

11 Persecutions, *and* afflictions which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra, which persecutions I suffered, but from them all the Lord delivered me.

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

13 But the evil men and deceivers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned, and art persuaded *thereof*, knowing of whom thou hast learned *them*;

15 And that thou hast known the holy Scriptures of a child, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation, through the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16 For the whole Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable to teach, to improve, to correct, *and* to instruct in righteousness,

17 That the man of God may be absolute, being made perfect unto all good works.

2 Timothy 4

1 He chargeth him to preach the Gospel with all diligence, 3 in that so miserable a time; 6 that his death is hard at hand, 8 yes so, that as a conqueror he maketh haste to a glorious triumph. 10 He sheweth the cause why he sendeth for Timothy, 11 even by reason of his present state.

1 I charge *thee* therefore before God, and *before* the Lord Jesus Christ, which shall judge the quick and dead at that his appearing, and in his kingdom,

2 Preach the word; be instant, in season and out of season; improve, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

3 For the time will come when they will not suffer wholesome doctrine; but having their ears itching, shall after their own lusts get them a heap of teachers,

4 And shall turn their ears from the truth, and shall be given unto fables.

5 But watch thou in all things, suffer adversity, do the work of an Evangelist, make thy ministry fully known.

6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departing is at hand.

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

8 *For* henceforth is laid up for me the 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 that his appearing.

9 Make speed to come unto me at once;

10 For Demas hath forsaken me, and hath embraced this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica. Crescens *is gone* to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.

11 Only Luke is with me. Take Mark and bring him with thee, for he is profitable unto me to minister.

12 And Tychicus have I sent to Ephesus.

13 The cloak that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but specially the parchments.

14 Alexander the coppersmith hath done me much evil; the Lord reward him according to his works.

15 Of whom be thou ware also, for he withstood our preaching sore.

16 At my first answering no man assisted me, but all forsook me; *I pray God*, that it may not be laid to their charge.

17 Notwithstanding the Lord assisted me, and strengthened me, that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles should hear; and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

18 And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom; to whom *be* praise forever and ever, Amen.

19 Salute Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.

20 Erastus abode at Corinth, Trophimus I left at Miletum sick.

21 Make speed to come before winter. Eubulus greeteth thee, and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia, and all the brethren.

22 The Lord Jesus Christ *be* with thy spirit. Grace *be* with you, Amen.

The second Epistle written from Rome unto Timothy, the first Bishop elected of the Church of Ephesus, when Paul was presented the second time before the Emperor Nero.