

2 Timothy 1

-We will now study the second letter which Paul sent to Timothy who was teaching in Ephesus.

-This is the last book that God wrote through Paul.

-Bible teachers believe that Paul was set free from his first imprisonment in Rome, but after teaching some more, Paul was once again put in prison in Rome.

Let's read 2 Timothy 1:1

1-Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus.

-It was the will of God which made Paul an apostle of Christ Jesus.

-It is the will of God which saves all Christians.

-It is the will of God which is our best, for there is nothing better.

-What is better for us—the will of God or our own will?

-The will of God.

-We should all want the will of God for our lives.

-Also, we should all want to live forever in heaven.

-No one should want to die.

-The promise of eternal life in heaven is in Christ Jesus.

-If we believe in Christ, will we die?

-No.

-Even though our bodies will one day be buried in the ground, the soul of every Christian will never die.

-The Lord Jesus said this in John 11:26: “Whoever lives by believing in me will never die.”

Let's read 2 Timothy 1:2

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

-Timothy was Paul's spiritual son, as Paul had taught him many truths of God.

-All Christians should have at least one spiritual son or daughter to whom we should teach many truths of God.

-We need God's grace to live for Him.

-We need God's mercy whenever we sin.

-We need God's peace so that we will not worry about the past, the present, or the future.

Let's read 2 Timothy 1:3-5

3-I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers.

4-Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy.

5-I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

-As Christians, our spiritual ancestors are Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, King David, Paul, and many others who served God as we should serve God.

-Some people sacrifice to their ancestors of the flesh.

-As Christians, we do not need to sacrifice as Christ has sacrificed Himself so that we have eternal life.

-We simply remember our spiritual ancestors because their faith in God can encourage our faith in God.

-Paul was constantly praying for Timothy and others.

-Is it possible to constantly pray?

-Yes.

-How is it possible to constantly pray?

-We must simply always be talking to God in our spirit about everything that is in our lives.

-When we are working, we can talk to God.

-When we are walking somewhere, we can talk to God.

-Do we always need to use our voice when we talk to God?

-No.

-We can talk to God in our mind and in our heart without having to use our voice.

-Paul remembered Timothy's tears the last time they were together, and he longed to see Timothy once more which would bring him great joy.

-After Christ, what should be our greatest joy?

-Our family in Christ.

-It was Timothy's mother and grandmother who first taught Timothy about God.

-When children are little, they are more open to learn about God.

-When people get older, however, they are less open to learn about God.

-Therefore, it is very important for both the father and the mother to teach their children about God.

Let's read 2 Timothy 1:6

6-For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

-What does it mean to “fan into flame the gift of God”?

-It means to use all that God has given us to reach out to the lost as well as to encourage other Christians.

-To keep a fire from dying, we must fan it into flame.

-Does “fan into flame” mean that the fire of our salvation can die?

-No.

-The salvation of Christ in our lives can never die.

-“Fan into flame” means that the gifts which God has given us should be fanned into flame.

-What is the “laying on of my hands”?

-Are we able to lay our hands on others to cause them to believe in Christ?

-No.

-Belief cannot come from the outside.

-Belief must come from the inside.

-Belief must come from the heart.

-This is because it is the heart of the person which must

decide to believe in Christ.

-Paul laid his hands on Timothy and prayed for him after Timothy became a Christian.

-What, then, is the “laying on of my hands”?

-Paul laid his hands on Timothy and prayed for him so that Timothy would be encouraged and allow God to greatly use him.

-In Acts 9:17, God told Ananias to put his hands on Paul and pray for Paul so that he could see again.

-In Acts 13:3, the elders laid their hands on Paul and Barnabas and prayed for them and their first missionary journey.

-When we lay our hands on other Christians and pray for them, this greatly encourages them.

-When we lay our hands on other Christians and pray for them, they remember that others are praying for them which increases their faith in God.

Let's read 2 Timothy 1:7

7-For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

-If you are a Christian, have you been given the Holy Spirit?

-Yes.

-At Pentecost when Christ sent the Holy Spirit, God through Peter taught that all who repent and believe in Christ will receive the Holy Spirit:

-“Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38).

-In I Corinthians 6:19, God through Paul teaches that all Christians have the Holy Spirit:

-“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?”

-Even though the Christians at Corinth had many problems, God through Paul wrote to them, teaching them that they were given the Holy Spirit.

-“What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God” (2 Corinthians 2:12).

-It is the Holy Spirit in us who is our power, our love, and our self-discipline.

Let's read 2 Timothy 1:8-10

8-So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God.

9-He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time,

10-but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

-We should never be ashamed about God.

-God Himself has given us life.

-God Himself has given us an eternal soul.

-God Himself has put us on this earth.

-God Himself has saved us by the death of Christ.

-God Himself has given us eternal life in heaven.

-If God allows us to suffer for the Gospel, His Word, then we will have the power of God to endure the suffering.

-Even though it is hard to understand, God allows and uses our suffering for good.

-The greatest example is the suffering of Christ on the cross which God uses to save many people from death.

-For all Christians, God has saved us so that we can live holy lives, that is, lives without sin.

-It is the grace of God alone which saves us, and not because of anything that we have done.

-Even before the beginning of time, God decided to give us His grace to save us.

-We see the grace of God to save us when we look at the death of Christ on the cross.

-What has the Lord Jesus done for all Christians?

-Destroyed death and given us immortality.

Let's read 2 Timothy 1:11-12

11-And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher.

12-That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.

-If God has saved you, then God wants you to teach others the Word of God.

-When we teach the Word of God, however, we may suffer as Paul suffered.

-Why do Christians suffer when they teach the Word of

God?

-Because Satan and his demons do not want people to know the truth.

-Because Satan and his demons do not want people to cry out to God to save them.

-We should have no shame, however, when we suffer for teaching the Word of God.

-This is because God Himself is guarding us.

-What did Paul entrust to Christ that the Lord Jesus was guarding?

-All that Paul was, including his very life.

-For all true Christians, Christ guards all that we are, including our very life.

-What is "that day"?

-When we meet the Lord Jesus face to face.

Let's read 2 Timothy 1:13-14

13-What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus.

14-Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

-We must teach the truths of God with faith and love in Christ Jesus.

-While Christ guards us, our faith in God is also guarded with the help of the Holy Spirit.

-For the true Christian, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are guarding us and our faith in God.

-The Lord Jesus said this for all Christians in John 10:29:

-“No one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand.”

Let’s read 2 Timothy 1:15

15-You know that everyone in the province of Asia has deserted me, including Phygelus and Hermogenes.

-From this verse, we can think that many people who pretended to be Christians deserted Paul because he was put into prison.

-From this verse, we can also think that Phygelus and Hermogenes may have been leaders of the church because Paul gives their names as those who deserted him.

-Does going to church cause you to be a Christian?

-No.

-Does becoming a leader in the church cause you to be a Christian?

-No.

-Today is like the past.

-There are people who attend church, but are not true Christians.

-There are also people who are church leaders, but are not true Christians.

Let’s read 2 Timothy 1:16-18

16-May the Lord show mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, because he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains.

17-On the contrary, when he was in Rome, he searched hard for me until he found me.

18-May the Lord grant that he will find mercy from the Lord on that day! You know very well in how many ways he helped me in Ephesus.

-While many people abandoned Paul, Onesiphorus did not.

-Onesiphorus helped Paul when he taught in Ephesus, and even came to Rome to encourage Paul.

-May we be like Onesiphorus who encouraged Paul even though many deserted him.