

2 Timothy 2

1. What is better for us—the will of God or our own will?
-The will of God.
2. 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.
3. Is it possible to constantly pray?
-Yes.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. After Christ, what should be our greatest joy?
-Our family in Christ.
7. 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.
8. Does “fan into flame” mean that the fire of our

salvation can die?

-No.

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

9. 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.

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

-Yes.

11. What has the Lord Jesus done for all Christians?

-Destroyed death and given us immortality.

12. 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 ask God to save them.

13. Does going to church cause you to be a Christian?

-No.

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

-No.

Let's read 2 Timothy 2:1

1-You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

-With this verse, Paul is once again calling Timothy his spiritual son in Christ.

-As Christians, we should look after one another.

-For those older than us, we should see them as our older brothers and sisters in Christ.

-For those younger than us, we should see them as our younger brothers and sisters in Christ.

-This is also why the Lord Jesus sent out His disciples two by two because we need one another.

-How can we be strong in the grace of Christ Jesus?

-Christ has given His grace to all Christians.

-It is simply a matter of allowing the grace of Christ to control our lives.

-How do we allow the grace of Christ to control our lives?

-We must simply ask God.

-This is probably the most difficult work we will ever have.

Let's read 2 Timothy 2:2

2-And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

-In the past, when Paul taught the Word of God, Paul also taught Timothy who was with him.

-Whenever we teach the Word of God, we should teach so that those whom we teach can also teach others.

-Jesus taught His disciples so that they could also teach others.

Let's read 2 Timothy 2:3-4

3-Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

4-No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer.

-How is a Christian like a soldier?

-Just as a soldier must obey his commanding officer to win the war, we must also obey Christ to win the war against the world, the flesh, and Satan.

-If we allow Christ to be the commanding officer, we can rest in knowing that Christ will lead us to win.

Let's read 2 Timothy 2:5

5-Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules.

-How is a Christian like an athlete?

-Just as an athlete follows the rules to win the race, we must also follow the rules of Christ to win the race against the world, the flesh, and Satan.

-What are the rules of Christ?

-Allowing the Lord Jesus to be our coach who will train us.

Let's read 2 Timothy 2:6

6-The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops.

-How is a Christian like a hardworking farmer?

-Just like the hardworking farmer is the first to receive a share of his crops, if we work hard alongside of the Lord Jesus, we will also receive the fruit of our work.

Let's read 2 Timothy 2:7

7-Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.

-Can we learn by simply listening to the truths of God?
-No.

-We must not only listen to the truths of God, but also think about them so that we can use them in our lives.

-Only after listening and thinking about God's truths are we able to use them to change our lives.

-Here is an illustration:

-A man goes to the doctor, and the doctor tells him that he is sick, and then gives him medicine.

-But the man puts the medicine in his pocket, and does not swallow the medicine.

-Will the man be healed?

-No.

-Why not?

-Even though the man listened to the doctor, he did not think that he needed to swallow the medicine.

-To listen to the truths of God is not enough.

-Those who are not Christians can listen to the truths of God, but if they do not believe, they will not be saved.

-There are also Christians who listen to the truths of God, but do not think how these truths can help us.

-Even Satan listens to the truths of God.

-We must not only listen to the truths of God, but also think about them so that we can use them in our lives.

-It is our God, however, who helps us to understand His truths so that we can use them to change our lives.

Let's read 2 Timothy 2:8

8-Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel.

-Why does this verse tell us to remember Jesus Christ?

-Because we all need to be reminded of the foundation of our faith.

-Who is the foundation of our faith?

-The Lord Jesus Christ.

-Without the death and resurrection of Christ, no one can be saved.

-With the death and resurrection of Christ, we Christians

have died to sin and been resurrected with Christ.

-Is this gospel only the gospel of Paul?

-No.

-Why did Paul say that this is "my gospel"?

-Because Paul not only heard and thought of the truths of God, but made them his own.

-Just as a sheep herder owns his sheep because they belong to him, a Christian should own God because we belong to God and not Satan.

-All Christians should own our God of the Bible.

-By saving us, God has made us His own, and we should make God our own.

Let's read 2 Timothy 2:9-10

9-for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained.

10-Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

-Even though Paul was chained when he wrote this letter, he knew that no one can chain the Word of God.

-People can say that the Bible is not true, but no one has ever found a lie in the Bible because it has only the truths of God.

-People can burn the Bible, but the truths of God can never be burned.

-People can put Christians in prison, but our hearts can never be imprisoned.

-In John 8:32, the Lord Jesus said this:

-“You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

Let's read 2 Timothy 2:11

11-Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him;

-When did Christians die with Christ?

-When we believed that the death of Christ alone can pay the punishment for our sins, then the death of Christ becomes our death, and we die with Christ.

-What do Christians die to?

-We die to sin which means that sin no longer has any control over us.

-Sin is no longer our master nor can sin kill us.

-How do we live with Christ?

-The resurrection of Christ from the dead becomes our resurrection from the dead, and our lives become one with Christ.

-As Christians, we look too much at our physical bodies, and we forget that our new heart in Christ will never die.

Let's read 2 Timothy 2:12

12-If we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us;

-What is it that we must endure?

-We must endure the world of sin, Satan, and our old ways before we were saved which is called our flesh.

-Are Christians more powerful than sin, Satan, and the flesh?

-No.

-Only Christ is more powerful than sin, Satan, and the flesh.

-This means that we can only endure with Christ's help.

-If we endure with Christ's help, then we will also reign with Christ one day in the new heaven and on the new earth.

-Can Christ disown us?

-No.

-If we believe in the Lord Jesus, no one can steal us away from Him (John 6:37; John 10:29).

-What does the teaching 2 Timothy 2:12 mean?

-God through Paul is reminding us of what the Lord Jesus said in Matthew 10:33:

-“But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.”

-The Lord Jesus will only disown and deny those who disown and deny Him.

-All Christians, of course, do not deny nor disown Christ, for we know that Christ is our very salvation from death.

Let's read 2 Timothy 2:13

13-If we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

-Sometimes, Christians think that their lack of faith in God will somehow cause God to reject them.

-This is not true.

-Even if our faith is not perfect, God remains faithful to those whom He has saved.

-Because God is perfect, His work to save us is also perfect.

-Because God is perfect, He cannot disown Himself nor His perfect work in our lives.

Let's read 2 Timothy 2:14

14-Keep reminding God's people of these things. Warn them before God against quarreling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen.

-Why do we need to remind one another of the truths of our God?

-Because the world wants us to become like them.

-Because our flesh or our old ways want us to be selfish and think only of ourselves.

-Because Satan wants our lives to be of no use in this world.

-We should also not argue about that which is not important.

-Many churches have been broken by people arguing about that which is not important.