

2 Timothy 3

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. Who is the foundation of our faith?

-The Lord Jesus Christ.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

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

-No.

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

9. Can Christ disown us?

-No.

Let's read 2 Timothy 2:15

15-Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

-Many people have incorrectly handled the word of truth which is the Bible.

-Many people have read the Bible, and then told others that which the Bible does not say.

-Some people say that the Bible teaches that Jesus is not God, but this is not true.

-Some people say that the Bible teaches that we must work to be saved, but this is not true.

-Therefore, it is very important to correctly handle the Word of God.

-How do we correctly handle the Word of God?

-We must understand these truths:

-First, the Bible is written by God through people, and all that is in the Bible is true.

-As 2 Timothy 3:16 says, “All Scripture is God-breathed.”

-There is nothing that is in the Bible that is not true.

-Secondly, because God cannot lie, there is nothing in the Bible that can disagree with itself.

-Some people will say that one part of the Bible disagrees with another part, but this is impossible because God is truth.

-Thirdly, the most simple understanding of the Bible is what God intended unless the Bible itself says differently.

-It is God, not man, who wrote the Bible, and therefore, it is God who decides the meaning.

-This means that we must allow the Bible to give the most simple understanding unless the Bible itself says

something differently.

-Fourthly, the Bible must be understood in the context or the setting in which it is written.

-Some people take different verses from different parts of the Bible, and put together that which is not true.

-Here is an example:

-Judas went and hanged himself. Jesus said, “Go and do the same.”

-Does Jesus want us to hang ourselves?

-No.

-The truths of God must be understood in the context or setting in which they are written.

Let's read 2 Timothy 2:16-18

16-Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly.

17-Their teaching will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus,

18-who have departed from the truth. They say that the resurrection has already taken place, and they destroy the faith of some.

-What is godless chatter?

-These are thoughts and teachings that are not from God, but rather from people.

-What will happen if we indulge in godless chatter?

-We will become more and more godly.

-Although we are not sure who Hymenaeus and Philetus were, we do know that they were false teachers who were not teaching the truth.

-What happens when false teachers do not teach the truth?

-The faith of some could be destroyed.

-Can the faith of a true believer in Christ be destroyed?

-No, because those whom the Lord Jesus saves cannot be given back to Satan.

-Yet, false teachers can destroy the faith of someone who is not a believer in Christ.

-Then, these people will have problems believing in Christ.

Let's read 2 Timothy 2:19

19-Nevertheless, God's solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Everyone who confesses the

name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness."

-Our God knows those whom He has saved for He can see in every heart.

-False teachers may be able to deceive people, but they can never deceive God.

-The sign of a true believer in Christ is that they will turn away from wickedness.

Let's read 2 Timothy 2:20-21

20-In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for special purposes and some for common use.

21-Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.

-Just like there are special and common articles in a house, the world is full of people who are either special or common.

-Who are the special people?

-They are those who God has made holy, and are useful to God to do His work.

-Who are the common people?

-They are those who do not want God to use them for His special purposes.

-Special people are not those who are important or rich or live in the big cities.

-Special people are those who allow God to use them for His special purposes.

-Common people are not those who are poor or live in the country.

-Common people are those who will not allow God to use them for His special purposes.

Let's read 2 Timothy 2:22

22-Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

-When you are young, it is easy to be tempted by evil.

-What should a young person do to avoid being tempted?

-Pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace with a pure heart.

-To pursue means to run after hard, and we must run after God hard.

Let's read 2 Timothy 2:23-26

23-Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels.

24-And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful.

25-Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth,

26-and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

-Foolish and stupid arguments produce quarrels.

-Rather, we should be kind to everyone, and gently teach others.

-It is God alone who gives us repentance.

-It is God alone who helps us to understand the truth.

-It is God alone who helps us to escape Satan.

-For those who do not believe in Christ, they remain slaves of Satan, and only God can help them to escape the trap of the devil.