

2 Timothy 1.1-8

The Continuance of the Gospel

PAUL - FAITHFUL APOSTLE FOR 30 YEARS - Now Soon MARTYR

PROBABLY 2<sup>nd</sup> Roman Imprisonment, Got OUT of Acts 28 – In 5 yrs > 2 Tim

1.17 Onesiphorus...when he was in Rome, he searched hard for me until he found me.

ALREADY PLEAD W/ TIMOTHY TO GUARD GOSPEL -

1 Timothy 6:20 Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care.

WIDESPREAD UNBELIEF

1:15 everyone in the province of Asia has deserted me

LIFE ALMOST OVER – NOT GETTING OUT of THIS IMPRISONMENT

4.7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished race, I have kept the faith.

THEREFORE, URGENCY - KEEP IT GOING....

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

FOUNDING PREMISE OF MORMON CHURCH - TRUE CHURCH WAS LOST

TRUE - BLEAK MOMENTS IN CHURCH HISTORY

FALSE - APOSTOLIC FAITH WAS EXTINGUISHED

## OVERVIEW

Chapter 1 - Guard the Gospel (verse 14)

Chapter 2 - Suffer for the Gospel (verses 3,8,9)

Chapter 3 - Continue in the Gospel (verses 13,14)

Chapter 4 -Proclaim the Gospel (verses 1,2)

## 1. Foundation of our Faith

### a. Work of the Apostles

God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. Ephesians 2.20

1. Paul - a Roman prisoner

1.8 "our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner."

1.16 "was not ashamed of my chains."

### COMPARATIVE FREEDOM - HOUSE ARREST - ENTERTAIN VISITORS

1:17 "when he was in Rome, he searched hard for me until he found me."

2.9 "chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained."

4.16 At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. {17} But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. {18} The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

### FIRST DEFENSE - AWAITING FULL TRIAL - ANTICIPATES EXECUTION

4.6-8 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. {7} I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. {8} Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day--and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

### b. Words of the Apostles

1. Paul, an Apostle of Jesus Christ (verse 1)

Mark 3.14,15 (Jesus) appointed twelve--designating them apostles --that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach and to have authority to drive out demons.

APOSTLE (Greek) - "ONE WHO IS SENT" e.g. "with authority"  
 LATIN - "missionary"

John 15:26 "When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

WROTE THE NEW TESTAMENT - CONTRA "red letter" Bible  
 ALL OF IT IS THE WORD OF JESUS

SAME COMMISSION TO PAUL - LATER TIME BY RISEN CHRIST

Acts 26.12-18 ...I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen of me and what I will show you. {17} I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them {18} to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

1 Corinthians 9:1 Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord?

a. Ground v. 1 "by the will of God" UNDISPUTED AUTHORITY

Galatians 1.1 Paul, an apostle--sent not from men nor by man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father

b. Goal v. 1 "the promise of life in Christ Jesus"

GOOD NEWS FOR DYING SINNERS - LIFE IN CHRIST

PROMISE NOT AN OFFER - TO THOSE IN CHRIST

1 John 5.12 He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother  
2 Corinthians 1.1

How shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him.  
Hebrews 2.3

Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints.  
Jude 3

## 2. Fellowship in the Faith

Timothy - Forced into Service, Ready or Not

WRITTEN ABOUT 15 YEARS AFTER T WAS RECRUITED FROM LYSTRA

"YOUTH" - BELOW 40 - EXACT AGE NOT KNOWN

1 Timothy 4:12 Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.

(2.22) Flee the evil desires of youth

TIMOTHY WAS PRONE TO ILLNESS

1 Timothy 5:23 Stop drinking only water, and use a little wine because of your stomach and your frequent illnesses.

TIMID BY TEMPERAMENT

1.7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

## NEVERTHELESS - STRENGTH IN GOD

2.1 be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2:3 Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

1 Corinthians 4.17 I am sending to you Timothy, my son whom I love, who is faithful in the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 3.2 Timothy, who is our brother and God's fellow worker in spreading the gospel

## 2. Timothy - Paul's Dear Son (verse 2)

When a son is born, a father is born.

Zulu Proverb

## PAUL'S MISSION TO LYSTRA - FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Acts 14.6,7 cities of Lystra and Derbe and to the surrounding country where they continued to preach the good news.

## SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Acts 16:1 to Lystra, where a disciple named Timothy lived, whose mother was a Jewess and a believer, but whose father was a Greek. The brothers at Lystra and Iconium spoke well of him.

## TYPICAL SALUTATION OF FIRST CENTURY LETTER - NEW MEANING

"Grace" -God's Riches At Christ's Expense-kindness to undeserving

"Mercy" -love to the weak and helpless who cannot help themselves

"Peace" - restored harmony to those in strife

GRACE to worthless, MERCY to helpless, PEACE to restless

a. Four Major Life-Influences: (verses 3 - 7)

1. Family - MOST FORMATIVE INFLUENCE ON US

GOOD BIOGRAPHY BEGINS WITH FAMILY ROOTS

a) Paul - 1.3 God, whom I serve, as my forefathers did

GOD OF ISRAEL - GOD WHO REVEALED HIMSELF IN CHRIST

Acts 24.14 I worship the God of our fathers as a follower of the Way, which they call a sect. I believe everything that agrees with the Law and that is written in Prophets

Acts 26:6 my hope in what God has promised our fathers

COMPLETED JEW - Knows MESSIAH ISRAEL LONGED FOR - FULLNESS

b) Timothy - 1.5 your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice

3.15 from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures

John Calvin "Timothy was reared in his infancy in such a way that he could suck in godliness along with his mother's milk."

TO BE RAISED IN A CHRISTIAN HOME IS A PRICELESS BLESSING

2. Friends: ANOTHER IMPORTANT INFLUENCE - MOST IMPT. FOR YOUTH

1.3b,4 night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy.

## PAUL WAS A FATHER AND A FRIEND - NEEDED PEOPLE

(1 Corinthians 15.33) Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

## SHAPING INFLUENCE OF MENTORS - TEACHERS - "KUPUNAS"

### 3. Gifts of God - DIRECT GIFT OF GOD

1.6b gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands

1 Timothy 4:14 your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you.

### Tim's ORDINATION UNIQUE - GIFTS SHARED BY ALL CHRISTIANS

1 Peter 4.10,11 Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

### 4. Discipline NEED FOR GIFTS TO BE DEVELOPED AND USED

1.6a fan into flame the gift of God

1 Tim 4.14a Do not neglect your gift

## CONSTANT NEED FOR RENEWAL IN OUR LIVES

1.7 For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

## DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PRIDE AND CONFIDENCE IN THE LORD

COMBINATION of DIVINE SOVEREIGNTY and HUMAN RESPONSIBILITY

1. Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, 2. To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. 3. I thank God, whom I serve, as my forefathers 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 have been 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. 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. 7. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. 8. So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner