**The Second Epistle of Paul to Timothy**

**2 Timothy Chapter 1**

1Paul, an apostle of Christ[[1]](#footnote-20607) Jesus by the will of God, which is in keeping with *furthering* the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, 2to Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, *and* peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

3I give thanks to God, whom I serve with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did, as I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day, 4longing to see you (having remembered your tears), so that I can be filled with joy. 5I am reminded of the sincere trust that is in you, which first dwelled in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded that it is also in you. 6For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God that is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and self-control.

8Therefore, do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share with me in suffering for the good news, relying on the power of God. 9He is the one who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not based on our works but based on his own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, 10but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who on the one hand destroyed *the power of* death, and on the other hand brought life and incorruptibility to light through the good news, 11for which I was appointed a herald, and an apostle, and a teacher, 12which is why I also am suffering these things. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that he is able to guard that which he has entrusted to me until that day. 13Hold to the pattern of sound words that you have heard from me with the trust and love that are in Christ Jesus. 14Guard the good deposit through the power of the holy spirit that dwells in us *and* that has been entrusted *to us*.

15You know this: that all who are in *the province of* Asia turned away from me, including Phygelus and Hermogenes. 16May the Lord grant mercy to the house of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains. 17On the contrary, when he was in Rome, he diligently searched for me and found me. 18May the Lord grant that he will find mercy from the Lord on that Day. And you know very well how much he ministered at Ephesus.

**2 Timothy Chapter 2**

1Therefore, you, my child, strengthen yourself in the grace that is in Christ[[2]](#footnote-30077) Jesus. 2And the things that you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful people who will be able to teach others also. 3Share with me in suffering hardship, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 4No one serving as a soldier entangles himself in the activities of *daily* life, so that he can please the one who enlisted him as a soldier. 5And also, if anyone competes as an athlete, he is not crowned *the winner* unless he competes according to the rules. 6The farmer who labors should be the first to receive a share of the crops. 7Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all *these* things.

8Remember Jesus Christ, who was raised from among the dead, who is of the seed of David—this is my good news 9for which I am suffering, even to the point of being imprisoned as an evildoer, but the word of God is not imprisoned. 10This is why I endure all things for the sake of the chosen ones, so that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with everlasting glory.

11This statement is trustworthy: “For if we died with him, we will also live with him. 12If we endure, we will also reign with him. If we deny him, he also will deny us. 13If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.”

14Remind *them* of these things, solemnly charging *them* in the sight of God not to argue about words, for that is not profitable and leads to the ruin of those who are listening.

15Be diligent to present yourself approved before God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. 16But avoid worldly, empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness, 17and their words will spread like gangrene. Among those are Hymenaeus and Philetus, 18who have missed the mark concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection has already occurred, and they are overthrowing the trust of some. 19Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal: “The Lord knows those who are his,”[[3]](#footnote-13739) and, “Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord must turn away from unrighteousness.”

20Now in a large house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of clay, and some are for honorable *use*, and some are for dishonorable *use*. 21Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from things *that defile*, he will be a vessel for honorable *use*, made holy, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.

22Flee youthful passions and diligently pursue righteousness, faithfulness, love, peace, with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. 23But avoid foolish and uninformed speculations, knowing that they breed fights. 24And the Lord’s servant must not fight, but be gentle with everyone, skilled in teaching, patient in the midst of evil, 25in meekness correcting those who oppose *the truth.* Perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, 26and they return to their senses *and escape* from the snare of the Devil,[[4]](#footnote-10582) who has taken them captive to do his will.

**2 Timothy Chapter 3**

1But know this, that in the last days difficult times will come. 2For people will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3without natural affection, unwilling to be reconciled *to others*, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, not interested in doing what is good, 4treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5having a form of godliness but denying its power. Turn away from such people. 6For among them are those with false pretenses who slip into homes and capture *the attention of* weak-willed women who are weighed down with sins *and* led along by various passions, 7who are always learning but never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 8And just as Jannes and Jambres stood against Moses, so also these people stand against the truth—people who have a corrupt mind *and* are disqualified concerning the faith. 9But they will not get very far because their lack of understanding will become clear to everyone, as it also was with those *two men*.

10But you closely followed my doctrine, conduct, purpose, trust, patience, love, endurance, 11*as well as* the persecutions *and* sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, *and* at Lystra; I endured such persecutions and the Lord rescued me from them all. 12And indeed, all those who want to live a godly life in Christ[[5]](#footnote-22261) Jesus will be persecuted, 13but evil people and impostors will go *from bad* to worse, deceiving and being deceived. 14But you—continue in the things that you have learned and firmly believed, because you know who you learned them from, 15and *also* that from infancy you have known the sacred writings, which are able to give you wisdom leading to salvation through trust in Christ Jesus. 16All Scripture is God-breathed[[6]](#footnote-26129) and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness, 17so that the person dedicated to God[[7]](#footnote-12094) can be fully capable, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**2 Timothy Chapter 4**

1I solemnly charge *you* in the presence of God and Christ[[8]](#footnote-27619) Jesus, who is going to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: 2preach the word; be ready at convenient times and at inconvenient times; reprove, rebuke, *and* exhort with all patience and teaching. 3For the time will come when they will not tolerate sound doctrine; but having itching ears, they will pile up teachers for themselves, to suit their own desires, 4and will turn away from listening to the truth and turn aside to myths.

5But you, be clearheaded in all circumstances, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fully carry out your ministry. 6For I am already being poured out *as a drink offering*, and the time of my departure has come. 7I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. 8In the future there is stored up 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 those who have loved his appearing.

9Make every effort to come to me soon, 10for Demas has deserted me because he loved this present world, and he went to Thessalonica. Crescens *went* to Galatia, *and* Titus to Dalmatia. 11Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me in the ministry. 12I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. 13When you come, bring the outer garment that I left at Troas with Carpus, and *also* the scrolls, especially the parchments.

14Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm; the Lord will repay him according to his works. 15You too must be on guard against him, for he vigorously opposed our words.

16At my first defense no one came to support me, but everyone deserted me. May it not be counted against them. 17But the Lord stood by me and empowered me, so that the preaching *of the good news* through me would be fully carried out and so that all the Gentiles could hear; and I was rescued out of the mouth of the lion. 18The Lord will rescue me from every evil work and will save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

19Greet Prisca[[9]](#footnote-12354) and Aquila, and the house of Onesiphorus. 20Erastus remained at Corinth, and I left Trophimus sick at Miletus. 21Make every effort to come before winter. Eubulus greets you, and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia, and all the brothers and sisters.

22The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you all.

1. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-20607)
2. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-30077)
3. From Num. 16:5 LXX [↑](#footnote-ref-13739)
4. “Devil” is a transliteration of the Greek word, *diabolos*, which literally means “Slanderer.” [↑](#footnote-ref-10582)
5. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-22261)
6. Or “inspired by God” [↑](#footnote-ref-26129)
7. Lit. “person of God” [↑](#footnote-ref-12094)
8. Lit. “the Anointed One” [↑](#footnote-ref-27619)
9. Or “Priscilla” [↑](#footnote-ref-12354)