



## 2 Timothy 1

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## With Regard to Sound Doctrine

- Hold on to it (ch. 1)
- Teach it (ch. 2)
- Abide in it (ch. 3)
- Preach it (ch. 4)

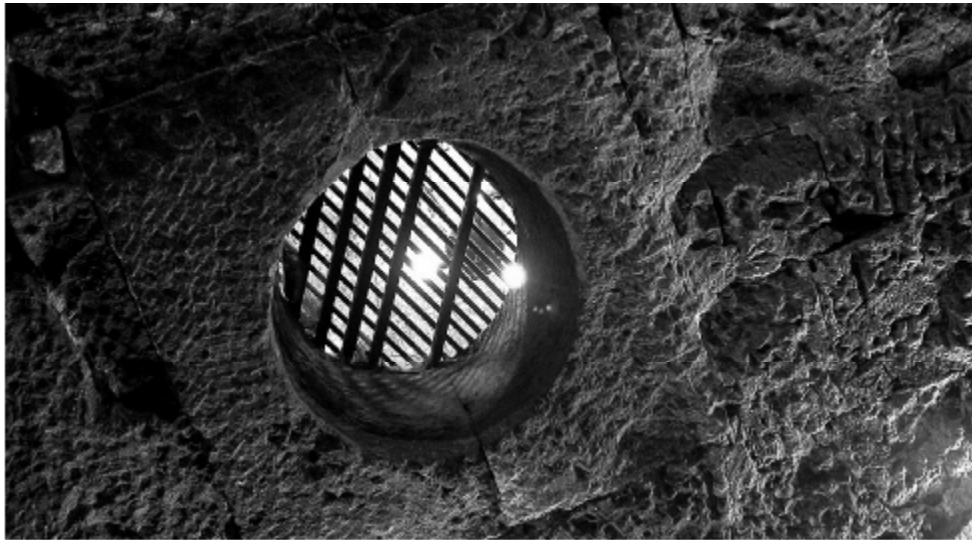
## 2 Timothy—Paul's Last Words

- 2 Timothy: AD 66-68 (about 4 years after 1 Tim.)
- Paul was executed at the time of Emperor Nero, who died 8 June 68 AD
- Written from prison in Rome (1:17)
- Paul was in chains (1:16).
- Paul's 2nd & last Roman imprisonment



Mamertine Prison, Rome

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## What We Know about Timothy

- Was from area of Derbe/Lystra in modern Turkey (Acts 16:1)
- Was the son of a Jewish mother & a Gentile father (Acts 16:1)
- Must have been saved on Paul's 1st missionary journey (Acts 14:6-20)
- Instructed by his mother, Eunice & grandmother, Lois (1:5)
- Had a good reputation among believers (Acts 16:2)
- Joined Paul's team on the 2nd missionary journey (Acts 16:3)

## What We Know about Timothy

- Paul considered him to be his beloved spiritual son (1:2).
- Paul prayed for him night & day (2 Tim. 1:3).
- Paul longed to see him when they were apart (2 Tim. 1:4).
- Paul praised his sincere faith & his godly heritage (2 Tim. 1:5).
- Paul challenged him to rekindle his gift & not be afraid (2 Tim. 1:6-7).
- Paul knew him to be caring & unselfish toward others (Php. 2:20-22).

## What We Know about Timothy

- Timothy was Paul's right-hand man.
- He served as Paul's representative in Thessalonica (1 Thes. 3:2), Corinth (1 Cor. 4:17), Philippi (Php. 2:19), Berea (Acts 17:14), and Ephesus (1 Tim. 1:3).
- He is mentioned in the opening of several epistles as Paul's companion: 2 Cor 1:1; Php 1:1; Col 1:1; 1 & 2 Thes. 1:1; Phm 1:1.
- He was also imprisoned at some point (Heb. 13:23).

## The Conscience (1:3)

- A God-given inner voice that either defends us (when we think we are doing right) or accuses us (when we think we are doing wrong) (Rom. 2:15)
- It's not infallible, but it can be educated.
- Like Paul, we should have a clear conscience before God (1:3; Acts 23:1; 24:16).

## Rekindle the Gift of God (1:6)

- Like stirring up coals in a fire—The fire is still there. Cause it to flame. Use it.
- Don't get lazy or complacent.
- Develop & improve your gift.
- Requires discipline and determination.
- See 1 Timothy 4:4; Acts 19:11; Numbers 27:18-20.

## Holding on to Sound Doctrine

- 1:7—Don't be afraid.
  - Not fear, but power, love, and sound judgment
- 1:8—Don't be ashamed.
  - 1:5—Lois & Eunice were not ashamed.
  - 1:12—Paul was not ashamed.
  - 1:16—Onesiphorus was not ashamed.
  - 2:15—Be diligent in how you, Timothy, handle God's Word, so you won't need to be ashamed.

## Motivation for Holding to Sound Doctrine

- He saved (rescued) us.
- He called us & gave us purpose—a holy calling.
  - Not according to our works, but according to His own plan & grace
  - Given to us in Christ Jesus from all eternity (1:9)
- He gives us eternal life (1:10).

## Paul offers himself as Timothy's example.

- He's been true to God's appointment (1:11)—even through persecution (1:12).
- He is not ashamed (1:12).
  - He knows Christ.
  - He is confident that Christ will take care of him in life & in eternity.
    - Literally, "He is able to guard my deposit" (what I have entrusted to Him) = his soul.

## Paul offers himself as Timothy's example.

- Timothy should not be ashamed of Paul but share in his suffering (1:8).
- Timothy should follow the pattern of sound teaching that he has heard from Paul (1:13)—hold on to it in Christ's faith & love! (Not free to change the gospel!)
- Timothy should guard the treasure entrusted to him—i.e., the gospel, the sound doctrine—protect it through the Holy Spirit (1:14; Galatians 2:7; 1 Thessalonians 2:4; 1 Timothy 1:11).

Paul offers Onesiphorus as Timothy's example.

- Almost everyone in Asia deserted Paul (1:15).
- Onesiphorus was not ashamed of Paul but sought him out & refreshed him in Rome (1:16-17).
- Onesiphorus was a faithful servant in Ephesus as well.

## What We Learn about Jesus in 2 Tim. 1

1. He gives us eternal life (1:1).
2. He gives us grace, mercy, and peace (1:2).
3. He saves us (1:9).
4. He gives our lives purpose (1:19).
5. He abolished death (1:10).
6. He brought immortal life to light through the gospel (1:10).
7. He will protect my salvation (soul) until "that day" (1:12).
8. He is the source of faith and love (1:13).

## Important Things to Remember

Believers:

- Stir up your gift (1:6-7). Don't let fear keep you from exercising it.
- Don't be ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ (1:8).
- Know that God has a purpose for your life (1:9).
- Stay true to God's Word (1:13).

## Important Things to Remember

Everyone:

- To be "saved" is to be rescued from hell, from the sentence you and I richly deserve (1:9)
- If you are saved, it is not because of your works (1:9).
- It is possible to KNOW God (1:12).