

## THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL TO TIMOTHY

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, according to the promise of the life which is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup> to Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup> I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers in a pure conscience, how unceasing is my remembrance of thee in my supplications, night and day

<sup>4</sup> longing to see thee, remembering thy tears, that I may be filled with joy;

<sup>5</sup> having been reminded of the unfeigned faith that is in thee; which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and, I am persuaded, in thee also.

<sup>6</sup> For which cause I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee through the laying on of my hands.

<sup>7</sup> For God gave us not a spirit of fearfulness; but of power and love and discipline.

<sup>8</sup> Be not ashamed therefore of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but suffer hardship with the gospel according to the power of God;

<sup>9</sup> who saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before times eternal,

<sup>10</sup> but hath now been manifested by the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

<sup>11</sup> whereunto I was appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher.

<sup>12</sup> For which cause I suffer also these things: yet I am not ashamed; for I know him whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that he is able to guard that which I have committed unto him against that day.

<sup>13</sup> Hold the pattern of sound words which thou hast heard from me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

<sup>14</sup> That good thing which was committed unto *thee* guard through the Holy Spirit which dwelleth in us.

<sup>15</sup> This thou knowest, that all that are in Asia turned away from me; of whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes.

<sup>16</sup> The Lord grant mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus: for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain;

<sup>17</sup> but, when he was in Rome, he sought me diligently, and found me

<sup>18</sup> (the Lord grant unto him to find mercy of the Lord in that day); and in how many things he ministered at Ephesus, thou knowest very well.

## 2

<sup>1</sup> Thou therefore, my child, be strengthened in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

<sup>2</sup> And the things which thou hast heard from me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

<sup>3</sup> Suffer hardship with *me*, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

<sup>4</sup> No soldier on service entangleth himself in the affairs of *this* life; that he may please him who enrolled him as a soldier.

<sup>5</sup> And if also a man contend in the games, he is not crowned, except he have contended lawfully.

<sup>6</sup> The husbandman that laboreth must be the first to partake of the fruits.

<sup>7</sup> Consider what I say; for the Lord shall give thee understanding in all things.

<sup>8</sup> Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, of the seed of David, according to my gospel:

<sup>9</sup> wherein I suffer hardship unto bonds, as a malefactor; but the word of God is not bound.

<sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

<sup>11</sup> Faithful is the saying: For if we died with him, we shall also live with him:

<sup>12</sup> if we endure, we shall also reign with him: if we shall deny him, he also will deny us:

<sup>13</sup> if we are faithless, he abideth faithful; for he cannot deny himself.

<sup>14</sup> Of these things put them in remembrance, charging *them* in the sight of the Lord, that they

strive not about words, to no profit, to the subverting of them that hear.

<sup>15</sup> Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth.

<sup>16</sup> But shun profane babblings: for they will proceed further in ungodliness,

<sup>17</sup> and their word will eat as doth a gangrene: of whom is Hymenæus and Philetus;

<sup>18</sup> men who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already, and overthrow the faith of some.

<sup>19</sup> Howbeit the firm foundation of God standeth, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his: and, Let every one that nameth the name of the Lord depart from unrighteousness.

<sup>20</sup> Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some unto honor, and some unto dishonor.

<sup>21</sup> If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, meet for the master's use, prepared unto every good work.

<sup>22</sup> But flee youthful lusts, and follow after righteousness, faith, love, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

<sup>23</sup> But foolish and ignorant questionings refuse, knowing that they gender strifes.

<sup>24</sup> And the Lord's servant must not strive, but be gentle towards all, apt to teach, forbearing,

<sup>25</sup> in meekness correcting them that oppose themselves; if peradventure God may give them

repentance unto the knowledge of the truth,

<sup>26</sup> and they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him unto his will.

### 3

<sup>1</sup> But know this, that in the last days grievous times shall come.

<sup>2</sup> For men shall be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, haughty, railers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

<sup>3</sup> without natural affection, implacable, slanderers, without self-control, fierce, no lovers of good,

<sup>4</sup> traitors, headstrong, puffed up, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God;

<sup>5</sup> holding a form of godliness, but having denied the power thereof: from these also turn away.

<sup>6</sup> For of these are they that creep into houses, and take captive silly women laden with sins, led away by divers lusts,

<sup>7</sup> ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

<sup>8</sup> And even as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also withstand the truth; men corrupted in mind, reprobate concerning the faith.

<sup>9</sup> But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be evident unto all men, as theirs also came to be.

<sup>10</sup> But thou didst follow my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, patience,

<sup>11</sup> persecutions, sufferings; what things befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: and out of them all the Lord delivered me.

<sup>12</sup> Yea, and all that would live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

<sup>13</sup> But evil men and impostors shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

<sup>14</sup> But abide thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

<sup>15</sup> and that from a babe thou hast known the sacred writings which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

<sup>16</sup> Every scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness:

<sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work.

## 4

<sup>1</sup> I charge *thee* in the sight of God, and of Christ Jesus, who shall judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom:

<sup>2</sup> preach the word; be urgent in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

<sup>3</sup> For the time will come when they will not endure the sound doctrine; but, having itching ears, will heap to themselves teachers after their own lusts;

<sup>4</sup> and will turn away their ears from the truth, and turn aside unto fables.

<sup>5</sup> But be thou sober in all things, suffer hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil thy ministry.

<sup>6</sup> For I am already being offered, and the time of my departure is come.

<sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith:

<sup>8</sup> henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day; and not to me only, but also to all them that have loved his appearing.

<sup>9</sup> Give diligence to come shortly unto me:

<sup>10</sup> for Demas forsook me, having loved this present world, and went to Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.

<sup>11</sup> Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee; for he is useful to me for ministering.

<sup>12</sup> But Tychicus I sent to Ephesus.

<sup>13</sup> The cloak that I left at Troas with Carpus, bring when thou comest, and the books, especially the parchments.

<sup>14</sup> Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord will render to him according to his works:

<sup>15</sup> of whom do thou also beware; for he greatly withstood our words.

<sup>16</sup> At my first defence no one took my part, but all forsook me: may it not be laid to their account.

<sup>17</sup> But the Lord stood by me, and strengthened me; that through me the message might be fully

proclaimed, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

<sup>18</sup> The Lord will deliver me from every evil work, and will save me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom *be* the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

<sup>19</sup> Salute Prisca and Aquila, and the house of Onesiphorus.

<sup>20</sup> Erastus remained at Corinth: but Trophimus I left at Miletus sick.

<sup>21</sup> Give diligence to come before winter. Eubulus saluteth thee, and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia, and all the brethren.

<sup>22</sup> The Lord be with thy spirit. Grace be with you.

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