

The Second Epistle of Paul to Timotheus.

The Argument

The Apostle being now ready to confirm that doctrine with his blood, which he had professed and taught, encourageth Timotheus (and in him all the faithful) in the faith of the Gospel, and in the constant and sincere confession of the same: willing him not to shrink for fear of afflictions, but patiently to attend the issue, as do husband men, which at length receive the fruits of their labors, & to cast off all fear & care, as soldiers do which seek only to please their captain: shewing him briefly the sum of the Gospel, which he preached, commanding him to preach the same to others, diligently taking heed of contentions, curious disputations, and vain questions, to the intent that his doctrine may all together edify. Considering that the examples of Hymeneus and Philetus, which subverted the true doctrine of the resurrection, were so horrible: and yet to the intent that no man should be offended at their fall, being men of authority and in estimation, he sheweth that all that profess Christ, are not his, and that the Church is subject to this calamity that the evil must dwell among the good till God's trial come: yet he reserveth them whom he hath elected, even to the end. And that Timotheus should not be discouraged by the wicked, he declareth what abominable men, & dangerous times shall follow, willing him to arm him self with the hope of the good issue that God will give unto his, and to exercise him self diligently in the Scriptures, both against the adversaries, & for the utility of the Church, desiring him to come to him for certain necessary affairs, and so with his and other's salutations endeth.

Chapter 1

6 Paul exhorteth Timotheus to steadfastness and patience in persecution, and to continue in the doctrine, that he had taught him, 12 Whereof his bonds and afflictions were a gage. 16 A commendation of Onesiphorus.

Paul an Apostle of Jesus Christ, by the will of God,^a according to the promise of life, which is in CHRIST JESUS,

2 To Timotheus my beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father, and from Jesus Christ our Lord.

3 I thank God, *whom I serve from mine^b elders with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day,

4 Desiring to see thee, mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy:

5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and in thy mother Eunice, and am assured that it dwelleth in thee also.

6 Wherefore, I put thee in remembrance that thou^c stir up the gift of God which is in thee, by the putting on of^d mine hands.

7 For God hath not given to us the Spirit of^e fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

8 Be not therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, neither of me his prisoner: but be partaker of the afflictions of the Gospel, according to the power of God,

9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an *holie calling, not according to our *works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given to us through Christ Jesus before the *world was.

10 But is now made manifest by the^f appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality unto light through the Gospel.

1 a Being sent of God to preach that life which he had promised in Christ Jesus.

3 *Act. 22.3.

3 b Following the steps of mine ancestors, as Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and others of whom I am come and of whom I received the true religion by succession.

6 c The gift of God is a certain lively flame kindled in our hearts, which Satan and the flesh labor to quench, and therefore we must nourish it, and stir it up.

6 d With the rest of the Elders of Ephesus, 1 Tim. 4.14.

7 e As though God would destroy us.

9 *1 Cor. 1.2.

9 *Eph. 1.3, Titus 3.5.

9 *Rom. 16.25, Eph. 3.9, Col. 1.26, Titus 1.2, 1 Pet. 1.20.

10 f He speaks here of his first coming, which though it seemed poor and contemptible, yet was honorable and glorious: therefore our minds ought to be lifted up from the consideration of worldly things, to contemplate the majesty thereof.

11 *Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and Apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

12 For the which cause I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have^g committed to him against that day.

13 Keep the true pattern of the wholesome words, which thou hast heard of me in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

14 That^h worthy thing, which was committed to thee, keep through the holie Ghost, which dwelleth in us.

15 This thou knowest, that all they which are in Asia, be turned from me: of which sort are Phygellus and Hermogenes.

16 The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus: for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain.

17 But when he was at Rome, he sought me out very diligently, and found me.

18 The Lord grant unto him, that he may find mercy with the Lord at that day, and in how many things he hath ministered unto me at Ephesus, thou knowest well.

Chapter 2

2 He exhorteth him to be constant in trouble, to suffer manly, and to abide fast in the wholesome doctrine of our Lord Jesus Christ, 11 Shewing him the fidelity of God's counsel touching the salvation of his, 19 And the mark thereof.

Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2 And what things thou hast heard of me, [^]by many witnesses, the same deliver to faithful men, which shalbe able to [^]teach other also.

3 Thou therefore suffer affliction as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

4 No man that warreth, entangleth him self with^b the affairs of *this* life, because he would please him that hath chosen him to be a soldier.

5 And if any man also strive for a mastery, he is not crowned, except he strive as he ought to do.

6 The husband man^c must labor before he receive the fruits.

7 Consider what I say: and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.

11 *1 Tim. 2.7.

12 g Which is myself.

14 h The graces of the holie Ghost.

Chapter 2

2 [^]Or, in the presence of many witnesses.

2 a So that the truth of God may remain perfect.

4 b As with his household, and other ordinary affairs.

6 c So that the pain must go before the recompense.

8 Remember that Jesus Christ *made* of the seed of David, was raised again from the dead according to my Gospel.

9 Wherein I suffer trouble as an evil doer, even unto bonds: but the word of God is not ^obound.

10 Therefore I suffer all things, for the ^eelect's sake, that they might also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glorie.

11 It is a true saying, For if we be ^{*dead} with him, we also shall live with him.

12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: ^{*if} we deny him, he also will deny us.

13 If ^{*we} believe not, *yet* abide he faithful: he can not deny him self.

14 Of these things put them in remembrance, and protest before the Lord, that they strive not about words, which is to no profit, *but* to the perverting of the hearers.

15 Study to shewe thy self approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, ^ldividing the word of truth aright.

16 ^{*Stay} profane, and vain babblings: for they shall encrease unto more ungodliness.

17 And their word shall fret as a cancre: of which sort is Hymeneus and Philetus,

18 Which as concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already, and do destroy the faith of certain.

19 But the foundation of God remaineth sure, and hath this seal, ^oThe Lord, knoweth who are his, and, Let every one that calleth on the Name of Christ, depart from iniquity.

20 Notwithstanding in a ^hgreat house are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and of earth, and some for honor, and some unto dishonor.

21 If any man therefore purge him self from ^tthese, he shalbe a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and mete for the Lord, and prepared unto every good work.

22 Flee also from the lusts of youth, and follow after righteousness, faith, love, and peace, with them that ^{*call} on the Lord with pure heart.

23 ^{*And} put away foolish, and ^kunlearned questions, knowing that they engender strife.

24 But the servant of the Lord must not strive, but *must* be gentle toward all men apt to teach, ^lsuffering the evil men *patiently*,

25 Instructing them with meekness that are contrary ^mminded, *proving* if God at any time will give them repentance, that they

9 d Notwithstanding mine imprisonment the word of God has it's race, and increases.

10 ^{*2 Cor. 1.4, Col. 1.24.}

10 e To confirm their faith, more esteeming the edification of the Church then himself.

11 ^{*Rom. 6.5.}

12 ^{*Mat. 10.33, Mark 8.38.}

13 ^{*Rom. 3.3 and 9.6.}

15 f Giving to everyone his just portion. Wherein he alludes to the Priests of the old Law which in their sacrifices gave to God his part, took their own part and gave to him that brought the sacrifice, his duty.

16 ^{*1 Tim. 4.7 and 6.20, Tit. 3.9.}

19 g He grounds upon God's election and man's faith.

20 h Because the wicked should not cover themselves under the name of the Church, he shows by this similitude, that both good and bad may be therein.

21 i That is, both separate himself from the wicked, and also purge his natural corruption by God's Spirit.

22 ^{*1 Cor. 1.2.}

23 ^{*1 Tim. 1.4 and 4.7, Tit. 3.9.}

23 k Which do not edify.

24 l Which fail of ignorance.

25 m He means not this of Apostates or heretics, whom he wills to flee: but of them only which as yet are not come to the knowledge of the truth, and fall through ignorance.

may know the truth,

26 And [^]that they may come to amendment out of the snare of the devil, which are taken of him at his will.

Chapter 3

1 He prophecieth of the perilous times, 2 Setteth out hypocrites in their colors. 12 Sheweth the state of the Christians, 14 And how to avoid dangers. 16 Also what profit cometh of the Scriptures.

This know also, that in the ^{*last} days shall come perilous times.

2 For ^amen shalbe lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, cursed speakers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholie,

3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, intemperate, fierce, despisers of them which are good,

4 Traitors, headie, high minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God,

5 Having a shewe of godliness, but have denied the power thereof: turn away therefore from such.

6 For of this sort are they which ^bcreep into houses, and lead captive simple women laden with sins, and led with divers lusts,

7 *Which women are* ever learning, and are never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

8 ^{*And} as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth, men of ^ccorrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

9 But they shall prevail no longer: for their madness shalbe evident unto all men, as theirs also was.

10 ¶ But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of living, ^dpurpose, faith, long suffering, love, patience,

11 Persecutions, and afflictions which came unto me at ^{*Antiochia}, at Iconiom, and at Lystri, which persecutions I suffered: but from them all the Lord delivered me.

12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus, shall suffer persecution.

13 But the evil men and ^edeceivers, shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast leamed, and art persuaded *thereof*, knowing of whom thou hast learned *them*:

15 And that thou hast known the holie Scriptures of a child, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16 ^{*For} the whole Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable to teach, to improve, to correct *and* to instruct in righteousness,

17 That the ^fman of God may be ^gabsolute, being made perfect unto all good works.

26 [^]Or, that being delivered out of the snare of the devil of whom they are taken, they may come to amendment and perform his will.

Chapter 3

1 ^{*1 Tim. 4.1, 2 Pet. 3.3, Jude 18.}

2 a He speaks of them which make profession to be Christians.

6 b As, monks, friars, and such hypocrites.

8 ^{*Exod. 7.11.}

8 c Which can judge nothing aright.

10 d Not only what I taught and did, but also what my mind and will was.

11 ^{*Acts 13.14.}

13 e The word signifies them, that by any crafty packing or convenience beguile men with false colors, flatteries and illusions, and such God sets up to exercise his by them: and here S. Paul admonishes us of them.

16 ^{*2 Pet. 1.20.}

17 f Which is content to be governed by God's word.

17 g The only Scripture suffices to lead us to perfection.

Chapter 4

1 He exhorteth Timotheus to be fervent in the word, and to suffer adversity, 6 Maketh mention of his own death, 9 And biddeth Timothie come unto him.

1 I charge thee therefore before God, and before the Lord Jesus Christ, which shall judge the quick and dead at his appearing, and in his kingdom,

2 Preach the word: be instant, ^ain season and out of season: improve, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.

3 For the time will come, when they will not suffer wholesome doctrine: but having their ears itching, shall after their own lusts get them an heap of teachers,

4 And shall turn their ears from the truth, and shall be given unto ^bables.

5 But watch thou in all things: suffer adversity: do the work of an Evangelist: make ^cthy ministry fully known.

6 For I am now ready to be ^doffered, and the time of my ^edeparting is at hand.

7 I have fought a good fight, and have finished my course: I have kept the faith.

8 For hence forth is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous judge shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

9 Make speed to come unto me at once.

10 For Demas hath forsaken me, and hath embraced this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica. Crescens is gone to Galacia, Titus unto Dalmacia.

1 ^aOr, adjure.

2 a Leave none occasion to preach and to profit.

4 b To false, and unprofitable doctrine.

5 c So behave thyself in this office, that men may be able to charge you with nothing, but rather approve you in all things.

6 d Read Phil. 2.17.

6 ^eOr, dissolving.

11 ^eOnly Luke is with me. Take Marke and bring him with thee: for he is profitable unto me to minister.

12 And Tychicus have I sent to Ephesus.

13 The ^fcloak that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but specially the parchments.

14 Alexander the copper smith hath done me much evil: the Lord ^greward him according to his works.

15 Of whom be thou ware also: for he withstood our preaching sore.

16 At my first answering ^hno man assisted me, but all forsook me: I pray God, that it may not be laid to their charge.

17 Notwithstanding the Lord assisted me, and strengthened me, that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles should hear, and I was delivered out of the mouth of the ⁱlion.

18 And the Lord will deliver me from every ^kevil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be praise for ever and ever, Amen.

19 Salute Prisca, and Aquila, & the ^lhousehold of Onesiphorus.

20 Erastus abode at Corinthus: Trophimus I left at Miletum sick.

21 Make speed to come before winter. Eubulus greteth thee, and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia, and all the brethren.

22 The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit. Grace be with you, Amen.

The second *Epistle* written from Rome unto Timotheus the first bishop elected, of the Church of Ephesus, when Paul was presented the second time before the Emperor Nero.

11 ^eCol. 4.14.

11 e Hereby it is manifest that Peter as yet was not in Rome, and if ever he was there it is uncertain.

13 f Some read coffer: others, book.

14 g For Paul saw in him manifest signs of reprobation.

16 h If S. Peter had been there he would not have forsaken him.

17 i Out of the great danger of Nero.

18 k That I commit nothing unworthy mine office.

19 Chap. 1.16.