

The Second Epistle of Paul to Timothy

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, which is in accord with the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, ²to Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God, whom I serve with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did, as I constantly remember you in my supplications night and day, ⁴longing to see you (having remembered your tears), in order that I may be filled with joy, ⁵having been reminded of the sincere faith that is in you, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois, and your mother Eunice, and, I am persuaded, in you also. 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 of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the Good News—relying on the power of God ⁹who 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 to us in Christ Jesus before the ages

of time, ¹⁰but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the Good News, ¹¹to which I was appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher, ¹²which is why I also am suffering these things. But I am not ashamed, for I know him whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that he is able to guard that which he has entrusted to me against that day. ¹³Hold to the pattern of sound words that you have heard from me, in faith and love that is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴The good deposit that was committed *to you*, guard through holy spirit which dwells in us.

¹⁵This you know, that all who are in Asia turned away from me, of whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes. ¹⁶The Lord grant mercy to the house of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chain, ¹⁷but, when he was in Rome, he searched for me diligently, and found me ¹⁸(the Lord grant to him to find mercy of the Lord in that day), and you well know all the service he rendered at Ephesus.

2 You therefore, my child, be strengthened in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ²And the things that you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, these entrust to faithful men who will be

able to teach others also. ³Suffer hardship with *me*, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No one serving as a soldier entangles himself in the affairs of *this* life, that he may please the one who enlisted him as a soldier. ⁵And also, if anyone competes as an athlete, he is not crowned unless he competed according to the rules. ⁶The farmer who labors must be the first to partake of the fruits. ⁷Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all *this*.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, risen out from among *the* dead, of the seed of David—that is my Good News ⁹for which I am suffering, even to imprisonment as an evildoer, but the word of God is not imprisoned. ¹⁰Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the chosen, so that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus—and with *it* Age-abiding 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 faithless, he remains faithful, for he is not able to deny himself.”

¹⁴Remind *them* of these things, charging *them* in the sight of the Lord, that they do not argue about words, for this is not profitable and *leads* to the ruin of those who hear.

¹⁵Make a diligent effort to present yourself approved before God, a workman who does not need to be ashamed, straightly cutting the word of truth. ¹⁶But shun profane and empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness, ¹⁷and their word will spread like gangrene, of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus, ¹⁸who concerning the truth have missed the mark, saying that the resurrection is past already, and are undermining the faith of some. ¹⁹Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal: “The Lord knows those who are his,” and, “Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart 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 for dishonorable *use*.

²¹Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these, he will be a vessel for honorable *use*, made holy, useful for the master, prepared for every good work.

²²So flee youthful passions and diligently pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace, with those who call on the Lord out of a clean heart.

²³But foolish and ignorant questionings refuse, knowing that they breed strife. ²⁴And the Lord’s servant must not quarrel, but be gentle towards all, skilled in teaching, patient when wronged, ²⁵in meekness instructing those who

oppose themselves, if perhaps God may give them repentance resulting in the full knowledge of the truth,²⁶ and they may return to clear-thinking *and escape* from the snare of the Slanderer, having been taken captive by him to his will.

3 But know this, that in the last days difficult times will come.² For people will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, blasphemers, defiant to parents, ungrateful, unholy,³ without family affection, unwilling to be reconciled to others, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of good,⁴ treacherous, reckless, conceited, friends of pleasure rather than friends of God,⁵ having a form of godliness, but having denied its power. Turn away from such *people*.⁶ For among these are those who creep into houses and take captive weak-willed women, weighed down with sins, led away by various lusts,⁷ ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.⁸ And even as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also withstand the truth. Men corrupted in mind, reprobate concerning the faith.⁹ But they will proceed no further. For their irrationality will be evident to everyone, as also that of those *two* came to be.

¹⁰But you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith,

longsuffering, love, patience,¹¹ persecutions, *and* sufferings, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; I endured such persecutions and the Lord rescued me out of them all.¹² And indeed, all who want to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.¹³ But evil men and impostors will go *from bad* to worse, deceiving and being deceived.¹⁴ But you—remain in the things that you have learned and have been assured of, knowing of whom you have learned them,¹⁵ and that from a baby you have known the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.¹⁶ All Scripture *is* God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, furnished completely to every good work.

4 I solemnly charge *you* in the sight of God, and of Christ Jesus, who is about to judge *the* living and *the* dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom,² preach the word. Be ready in season, out of season. Reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.³ 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,⁴ and will turn away their ears

from the truth, and turn aside to fables.

⁵But you be clear-minded in all things, suffer hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. ⁶For I am already being offered, 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 laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me at that day, and not to me only, but also to all those who have loved his appearing.

⁹Make every effort to come to me soon, ¹⁰for Demas forsook me, having loved this present world, and went to Thessalonica. Crescens *went* to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministering. ¹²But Tychicus I sent to Ephesus. ¹³The cloak that I left at Troas with Carpus, bring when you come, and the books, especially the parchments.

¹⁴Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil, the Lord will repay him according to his works.

¹⁵Beware of him yourself, for he greatly withstood our words.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but everyone forsook me. May it not be laid to their account. ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me, and strengthened me, in order

that through me the message might be fully proclaimed, and that all the Gentiles might 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 to his heavenly kingdom, to whom *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.

¹⁹Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the house of Onesiphorus.

²⁰Erastus remained at Corinth, and Trophimus I left at Miletus sick.

²¹Make every effort to come before winter. Eubulus greets you, and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia, and all the brothers.

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