

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible  
Current Book: 2 Timothy – verse by verse

Scriptures for Today: 2 Timothy 2:8-14 – *the word of God is not bound!*

Today's Message:  
"Not Bound"



## INTRODUCTION

Last week, we were reminded of the normal Christian life. Paul told Timothy *endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ!* Three examples included a soldier (*no fight, no victory*), an athlete (*no pain, no gain*), and a farmer (*no work, no crop*). Today, we continue the theme of enduring with a passage written to give us hope. This passage is directed to a Christian with a *perceived BOUNDARY*. Whether a storm, a trial, or normal Christian life difficulties, the word of God has what you NEED. How do you overcome hardness when life seems hopeless? God has written the remedy for you today...

## LEARNING TOGETHER

### A. The Text 2 Timothy 2:8-14

**#1. Remember Jesus Christ – there is no difficulty He has not already overcome!**

#### REMEMBER THAT JESUS CHRIST OF THE SEED OF DAVID

✓ Our most necessary *first thoughts* must always be of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Jesus Christ is the CREATOR – *all things were created by Him. Jn 1:3, Col 1:16*
- Jesus Christ is the SUSTAINER – *by Him all things consist. Col 1:17; 2Pet 3:7*
- Jesus Christ is the CHRIST – *which should come into the world. Jn 11:27; Acts 18:5*
- Jesus Christ overcame all OBSTACLES to BE ABLE to save you. *Jn 1:1,14; Mt 16:18*

**W1828 "Consist"**  
*To stand together;  
to exist; to subsist;  
to be supported  
and maintained.*

#### WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD ACCORDING TO MY GOSPEL.

✓ Jesus Christ overcame all obstacles to become THE SAVIOUR of the world! *Jn 4:42*

- Jesus Christ was TEMPTED in life – *in all points tempted like as we are. Heb 4:15*
- Jesus Christ LIVED a sinless perfect life – *He who knew no sin. 2Cor 5:21*
- Jesus Christ was TORTURED by the Romans. *Ps 22:14, 17; Mt 27:26; 1Pet 2:24*
- Jesus Christ was DELIVERED for your offenses – *delivered... Rom 4:25; 2Cor 5:21*
- Jesus Christ ENDURED God's wrath for you – *My God, my God, why... Mk 15:34*
- Jesus Christ TASTED DEATH for you – *should taste death for every man. Heb 2:9*
- Jesus Christ ROSE AGAIN for you – *raised again for our justification. Rom 4:25*

**NOTE** Why remember Jesus Christ? We now see. Nobody ever loved you like Him!

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*Making disciples and caring for souls!*

**#2. Think Beyond Boundaries – the word of God is NOT bound by *our* boundaries.**

**WHEREIN I SUFFER TROUBLE, AS AN EVIL DOER, EVEN UNTO BONDS**

- ✓ You might SUFFER TROUBLE from different sources.
  - It may be JUSTLY because of *your* sins. **Rom 3:23; Gal 5:19-21; 6:7, 8; 1Pet 4:15**
  - It may be CONSEQUENTLY because of *someone else's* sins. **Deut 9:18; 1Kin 14:16; 15:3**
  - It may be UNJUSTLY because *the world* hates Jesus Christ. **Gal 1:4; 1Pet 2:12, 14; 3:16**
  - It may be UNJUSTLY because *the devil* wants to destroy you. **Job 1; Acts 9:16; 1Pet 5:8**
- ✓ Paul was suffering trouble *unjustly* for his Lord Jesus Christ. **2 Tim 1:8, 12, 16**
  - He had reached a legitimate **BOUNDARY**. **Acts 28:31; Php 1:12-14; 4:22**

**NOTE** In a moment, life can change forever. Think BEYOND your life difficulties!

**But... THE WORD OF GOD IS NOT BOUND**

- ✓ The word of God is **ALL-POWERFUL!**
  - The word of God CREATED and HOLDS everything together! **Ps 33:6-9; 2Pet 3:7**
  - The word of God PIERCES to the core of your *body, soul, and spirit!* **Heb 4:12**
  - The word of God TRANSFORMS sinners into *new creatures!* **Jn 3:5; 2Cor 5:17**
- ✓ The word of God has no LIMITS!
  - The word of God DOES NOT RETURN VOID! **Isa 55:11; 2Ths 3:1**
  - The word of God IS ABLE TO...
    - BREAK a hard **HEART!** **Jer 23:29**
    - SAVE a lost **SOUL!** **1Pet 1:23**
    - CHANGE the **WORLD!** **Heb 1:1-3; 10:12**
    - CHANGE your **LIFE!** **Rom 12:2**
    - CHANGE your **SITUATION!** **Gen 50:20; Rom 8:28; Php 1:6; Heb 11**

**NOTE** If you are saved today (or here), you are PROOF this is true! Praise the Lord!

**#3. Endure with Eternal Purpose – therefore endure ALL things for eternal glory!**

**THEREFORE I ENDURE ALL THINGS**

- ✓ The *sufferings* of our *present time* will fade when we see ETERNAL GLORY! **Rom 8:18**
  - Paul was able to look beyond his boundaries for the glory of Jesus Christ!

**IT IS A FAITHFUL SAYING**

- ✓ This truth of our Lord presents a paradox of sorts with very EXTREME CONTRASTS!

- { **If we be DEAD WITH HIM, we shall also LIVE WITH HIM:**
- { **If we SUFFER, we shall also REIGN WITH HIM:**
- { **If we DENY HIM, He also will DENY US:**
- { **If we BELIEVE NOT, yet HE ABIDETH FAITHFUL: He cannot deny Himself.**

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**W1828**  
**“Subverting”**  
*Overthrowing;*  
*entirely destroying.*

**Eternal Perspective**  
*For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. **Romans 8:18***