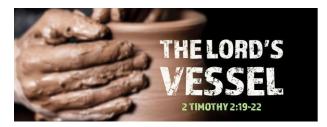
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Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible Current Book: 2 Timothy – verse by verse

Scriptures for Today: 2 Timothy 2:19-22 - Christians are to be vessels meet for the master's use!

Today's Message: "The Lord's Vessel"



#### INTRODUCTION

Last week, we learned that all believers must *study* the Bible and *learn* how to rightly divide it. It is a heaven and hell issue as most religious lies are a form of truth taken out of context. Today, we will see another picture for the born-again Christian – the <u>VESSEL</u>. There are people who SAY they are Christians and are not. Some are Christians and do not LIVE like it. We will learn of vessels of *honour* and vessels of *dishonour*. Our Lord has commanded us to be a <u>HOLY</u> vessel. The blessed reality is that the God who made us and knows us, also wants to <u>USE</u> us for His glory! This is God's message to us...

#### **LEARNING TOGETHER**

## A. The Text 2 Timothy 2:19-22

# #1. The Sure Foundation – in contrast to the error, God's foundation is <u>SURE</u>. THE FOUNDATION OF GOD STANDETH SURE

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"Nevertheless"
Notwithstanding;
without being
prevented.

- ✓ The word "Nevertheless" can be a good or bad context. Jdg 2:16; 1Sam 8:19
- ✓ The **SEAL** is the official *authority* or *security* of the King. **Dan 6:8; Est 3:12; Eph 1:13**
- ✓ The **FOUNDATION** is laid by God! (Never to be overthrown!) **1Tim 1:2; 2Tim 3:8**

#### THE LORD KNOWETH THEM THAT ARE HIS

- ✓ This is a similar context to Moses and the Korah incident. Num 16:5
- ✓ The Lord knows who are *genuinely* saved! *Gal 4:9; Mt 7:23; Jn 10:14, 27*
- ✓ There are truly only 3 people who know for sure God, Satan, and **YOU**. **Rom 8:16**

#### LET EVERY ONE THAT NAMETH THE NAME OF CHRIST DEPART FROM INIQUITY

✓ If you <u>PROFESS</u> to be a Christian, then DEPART FROM SIN and its paths! *Num* 16:26

Job 28:28; Ps 34:14; 37:27; Prov 3:7; Rom 12:9; 2Cor 7:1; Eph 4:17-22;

5:1-11; Col 3:5-8; Tit 2:11-14; 1Pet 1:13-19; 2Pet 3:14; 1John 3:7-10

**NOTE** If you are saved, God's message is, "Get as far away from sin as possible!" This is not a time to be wayward, it is a time to set your life God-ward!

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# #2. The Vessels – in God's great house, there are many different VESSELS.

#### **IN A GREAT HOUSE**

- ✓ The great house is God's **HOUSE**. But in a great house... **1Tim 3:15; 1Pet 2:5**
- ✓ The vessels are **PEOPLE**. Vessels of gold and of silver... of wood and of earth...
  - In the OT, God is called the POTTER; we are the CLAY. Isa 29:16; 64:8; Jer 18:6
  - Historically, every home had vessels for different USES. 1Cor 12:27 (in particular)
  - In this passage, they are ALL "in God's house" = therefore ALL Christians.
  - In other passages, they may be "lost" or "saved" people. Rom 9:20-21
- ✓ Some Christians bring God **HONOUR** with their lives. *Some to honour*...
- ✓ Some Christians bring God **DISHONOUR** with their lives. *And some to dishonour...* 
  - It is important to understand that "dishonour" does <u>not</u> mean unsaved in this passage.

**NOTE** Your daily choices matter. You are to be the light of the world for God now.

## #3. A Vessel unto HONOUR - God wants to USE you and your life for His glory.

#### IF A MAN THEREFORE PURGE HIMSELF FROM THESE

- ✓ The "THESE" are the vessels of dishonour in the context. 2Tim 2:17; Prov 13:20
  - God already said to depart from iniquity; this is from PEOPLE disobeying Him!

#### HE SHALL BE A VESSEL UNTO HONOUR, SANCTIFIED

- ✓ This is the <u>WILL</u> of God even your sanctification. 1Ths 4:3; Lev 20:7; 1Pet 1:15, 16
  - It is God's desire is for you to be an HONOURABLE vessel; it is your <u>CHOICE</u>.

# And MEET FOR THE MASTER'S USE And PREPARED UNTO EVERY GOOD WORK

- ✓ The Lord of the universe, who made you, wants to **USE** you! *Isa 64:8; Acts 9:15* 
  - The word of God will MAKE you fit for God's purposes. **2Tim 3:16, 17**
  - The word of God will PREPARE you for every good work. Eph 2:10; Titus 2:14

#### FLEE... FOLLOW... FELLOWSHIP

- ✓ We are commanded to FLEE youthful lusts. 1Pet 2:11 (fleshly lusts); Gen 39:12-13
  - Pride | Idolatry | Selfishness | Strife | Immorality | Murmuring
- ✓ We are commanded to FOLLOW virtuous things. Rom 14:19; Php 4:8; 1Tim 6:11
  - Righteousness | Faith | Charity | Peace
- ✓ We are commanded to FELLOWSHIP with true believers. Heb 10:25
  - With THEM | That CALL on the Lord | Out of a PURE HEART

With THEN

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Fit; suitable;
adapted, as to a

use or purpose.

"Timothy"

Means God-

honouring