

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 VESSEL. 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 HOLY vessel. The blessed reality is that the God who made us and knows us, also wants to USE 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 SURE.

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 PROFESS 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 not 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 **WILL** 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 **CHOICE**.

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**

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“**Timothy**”
Means God-
honouring

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Fit; suitable;
adapted, as to a
use or purpose.