

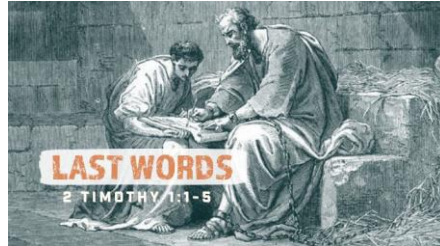
Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible

Current Book: 2 Timothy – verse by verse

Scriptures for Today: 2 Timothy 1:1-5 – Introduction to the Apostle Paul's last words

Today's Message:

"Last Words"



INTRODUCTION

Recently, we finished the first letter of Paul to Timothy. Today, we begin Paul's second letter. We will start with an overview and introduction of the book. 2 Timothy is obviously different from 1 Timothy. Whereas 1 Timothy deals primarily with the operation and function of the local church and members, 2 Timothy deals with the man himself. This letter was Paul's **LAST** written communication preserved for us in church history. Paul chose to give very personal and final advice to a young pastor and fellow servant who was "*fighting the good fight.*" The time was during Paul's second and **FINAL** imprisonment in Rome. He did not believe that he was going to get out (unlike first). He was ready to "*depart and be with the Lord.*" All his friends were gone except Luke. We would all do well to take heed to his words.

LEARNING TOGETHER

A. Overview of 2 Timothy * FUNDAMENTAL INFORMATION *

Title Means: Worshipper of God; Honoring of God

The Numbers: Chapters: 4 | Verses: 83 | Words: 1,703 Ps 12:6-7; Prov 30:5

Author: Paul *Paul writes in the 1st person throughout the entire letter to his disciple.

Historical Time: 65 AD to 68 AD (This is Paul's last letter prior to his execution by Nero.)

Theme: Be faithful to the end and endure hardness as a good **SOLDIER** of Jesus Christ.

Keynote: This is an intimate letter of encouragement from Paul to his beloved friend Timothy. He writes just prior to his own trial and death. The letter exhorts the pastor and disciple to be faithful in the ministry given by God. Their discipling relationship was over; Timothy must now walk with God independent of Paul. There comes a time when discipleship must end...

Key Chapter: 2 This chapter is required reading for every believer. It contains the list of requirements for all enduring and successful ministries – reproducing itself, enduring difficulties, learning and error correction, and maintaining purity.

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THREE BASIC APPLICATIONS

1. **Historical** Paul writes his final letter to Timothy to encourage, comfort, and warn him just prior to his own trial and execution.
2. **Doctrinal** God teaches us to “*fight the good fight*” during these last days of apostasy.
3. **Devotional** The Christian life is **DIFFICULT**, especially for leadership roles. We must endure hardness and live out the gospel. We must endure hardness and always be faithful to preach the truth and the gospel of Jesus Christ.

OUTLINE STRUCTURE – Basic Outline

- CH 1 *Be faithful to “**hold fast**” to the word of God. (1:13)*
- CH 2 *Be faithful to “**teach**” and “**study**” the word of God. (2:2, 15)*
- CH 3 *Be faithful to “**suffer**” for the word of God. (3:12)*
- CH 4 *Be faithful to “**preach**” the word of God. (4:2)*

B. The Lesson 2 Timothy 1:1-5➤ **Last Words – Paul’s last words were written before his own execution.**

1. Last words are often **REMEMBERED**. *Jdg 16:30* (Samson); *1Sam 31:4* (Saul); *Jn 19:30*
2. Last words are very **IMPORTANT**.
 - ✓ Moses to ISRAEL – **Deuteronomy 32-33** ... he died shortly after at age 120 (full strength).
 - ✓ Joshua to ISRAEL – **Joshua 24** ... he died shortly after at age 110.
 - ✓ Jesus to His DISCIPLES – **John 13-17** ... He was then betrayed and crucified.

NOTE Last words often carry weight pertaining to deeply held personal beliefs and truth.

➤ **Personal Words – Paul’s last words were to a close friend... a faithful disciple.**

1. The **WILL** of God had brought them together. (1:1)
2. Their **RELATIONSHIP** had been life changing. (1:2)
3. God had **BLESSED** them with each other. (1:3)
4. The thought of Timothy’s **FACE** brought joyful tears. (1:4)
5. Christ had filled their lives with **SWEET** memories. (1:5)

NOTE Paul’s life was better for having Timothy in it; the Lord Jesus Christ and His mission had filled a deeply personal void. In the end, the suffering and pain were worth it.

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