

# I. WHY SHOULD I STUDY 2 TIMOTHY? 2 Timothy 1:1-2

## INTRODUCTION.

**QUESTION.** Why should you study the book of 2 Timothy?

**A.I)** The book of 2 Timothy is in the Scriptures, therefore God wants us to know it (Deuteronomy 29:29).

- “The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law” (**Deuteronomy 29:29**).

**A.II)** The book of 2 Timothy is God-breathed, therefore it is profitable (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

- “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work” (**2 Timothy 3:16-17**).

**A.III)** The book of 2 Timothy is a Pastoral Epistle, which means it will help us best understand how Jesus wants His church to be built (Matthew 16:18).

- “I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (**Matthew 16:18**).

Additionally, this is Paul’s final letter before his death.

But there are at least SIX more reasons we should study 2 Timothy, revealed right here in chapter 1, verses 1-2. Look at them with me:

**CON(TEXT).** **2 Timothy 1:1-2** “1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, 2 To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.”

**DOCTRINE.** You should study 2 Timothy because it bears Christ’s authority and brings Christ’s blessings to those who receive it in faith.

[[ **James 1:21** “Receive with meekness the

implanted word, which is able to save your souls." ]]

**OUTLINE.** Six reasons you should study 2 Timothy.

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## **I. 2 TIMOTHY BEARS THE AUTHORITY OF CHRIST HIMSELF (2 Timothy 1:1a).**

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### **I) Paul is an Authoritative Representative (Apostle) of Christ Jesus.**

- **CALVIN:** "First, according to his custom, he calls himself an "Apostle of Christ." Hence it follows, that he does not speak as a private person, and must not be heard slightly, and for form's sake, (136) like a man, but as one who is a representative of Christ." — **Calvin, John. Calvin On The Bible: John Calvin's Bible Commentary (p. 14161). Kindle Edition.**

### **II) Paul is an Apostle of Christ Jesus *by the will of God*, not man.**

- **CALVIN:** "Because the dignity of the office is too great to belong to any man, except by the special gift and election of God, he at the same time pronounces a eulogy on his calling, *by adding that he was ordained by the will of God His apostleship, therefore, having God for its author and defender, is beyond all dispute.*" — **Calvin, John. Calvin On The Bible: John Calvin's Bible Commentary (p. 14161). Kindle Edition.**

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## **II. 2 TIMOTHY WILL HELP US BETTER UNDERSTAND AND APPLY THE ETERNAL LIFE WE HAVE IN CHRIST (2 Timothy 1:1b).**

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- **CALVIN:** "That his calling may be the more certain, he connects it with the promises of eternal life; as if he had said, "As from the beginning God promised eternal life in Christ, so now he has appointed me to be the minister for proclaiming that promise." Thus also he points out the design of his apostleship, namely, to bring men to Christ, that in him they may

find life." — Calvin, John. Calvin On The Bible: John Calvin's Bible Commentary (p. 14161). Kindle Edition.

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### **III. 2 TIMOTHY WILL HELP US UNDERSTAND HOW TO TALK TO OUR CHILDREN, BOTH PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL (2 Timothy 1:2a).**

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### **IV. 2 TIMOTHY WILL BRING US GRACE AS WE RECEIVE IT IN FAITH (2 Timothy 1:2b).**

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### **V. 2 TIMOTHY WILL BRING US MERCY AS WE RECEIVE IT IN FAITH (2 Timothy 1:2c).**

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- **CALVIN:** "This may...be explained as relating to God's daily benefits, which are so many testimonies of his "mercy"; for, whenever he assists us, whenever he delivers us from evils, pardons our sins, and bears with our weakness, he does so, because he has compassion on us." — Calvin, John. Calvin On The Bible: John Calvin's Bible Commentary (p. 14162). Kindle Edition.

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### **VI. 2 TIMOTHY WILL BRING US PEACE AS WE RECEIVE IT IN FAITH (2 Timothy 1:2d).**

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Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord."

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