

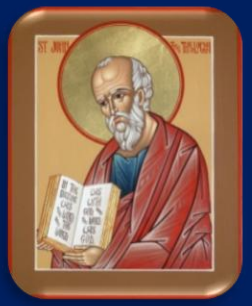
2 Timothy


finish the race
2 Timothy 4

2 Timothy Introduction

The Call to Christian Perseverance

Answering Nine Questions



1) Who wrote it? – Paul
2) What do we know about the author? – An Apostle
3) To whom was it written? – Timothy
4) When was it written? - A.D. 67
5) Where was it written from? – Rome
6) Why was it written? – Timothy's timidity
7) What is it about? – Perseverance
8) What is inside (outline)? – 4 part outline
9) What makes the book different? – Paul's final word

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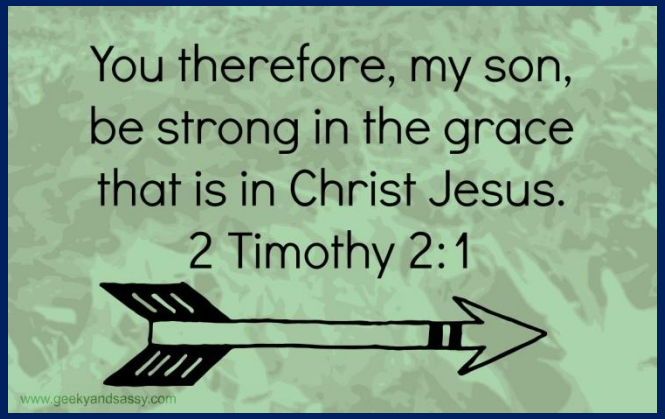
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2 Timothy 2

Ten Metaphors Illustrating Endurance

Key to Endurance (2 Tim 2:1)



- "Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus"



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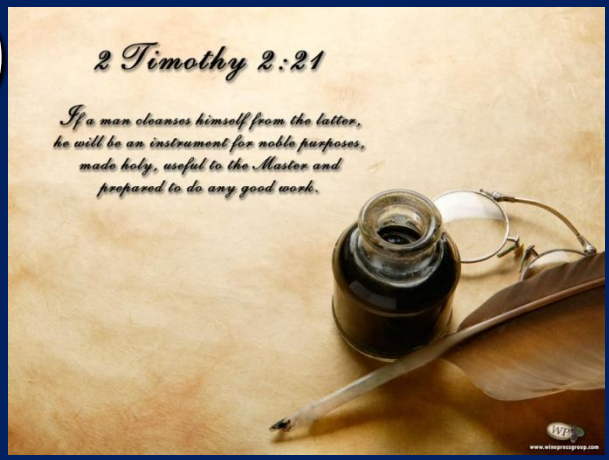
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- Teacher (2:2): four generations (from Paul to Timothy, from Timothy to faithful men, from faithful men to others)



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2 Tim 2:3-4



- Soldier (2:3-4)
  - Endures hardship
  - Un-entangled
  - Limited options

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2 Tim 2:6



- Farmer (2:6)
  - Diligence
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  - Ultimate example of endurance
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  - 2 Cor. 11:23-33
  - For the sake of the elect

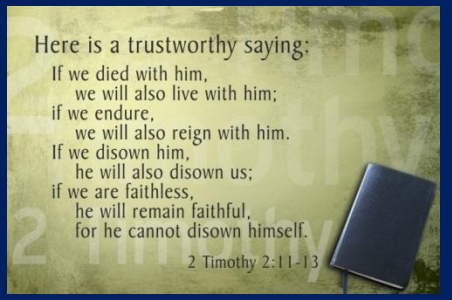
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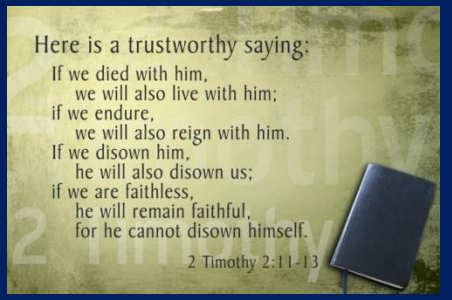
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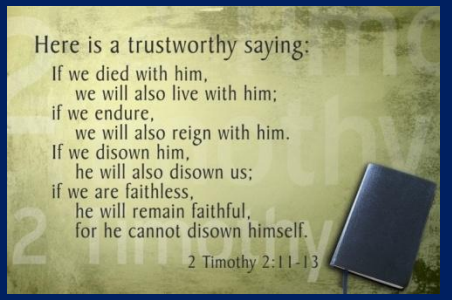
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- After the Rapture
- Rewards are associated with the day of the Lord's coming for the church (1 Cor. 4:5; 2 Tim. 4:8)
- Bride is already rewarded (Rev. 19:8)

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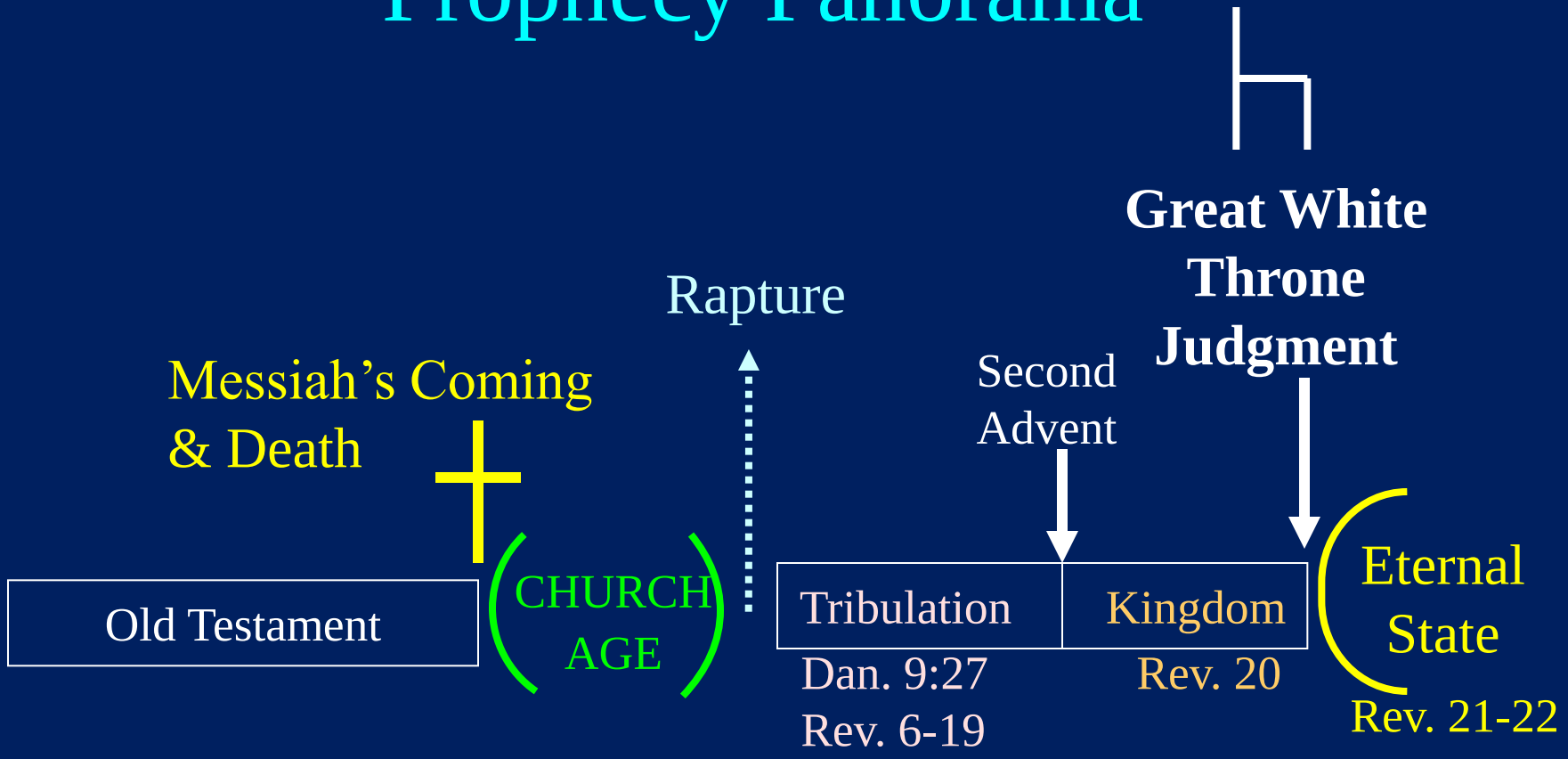
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Where?

- In heaven
- 1 Thess 4:17



Prophecy Panorama



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Why?



- **Not** to judge sin (John 19:30)
- **Not** to determine salvation (John 5:24)
- **But** rather to give or not give rewards

Scripture's Four Judgments

Name	Sheep and Goat	Judgment of the Jews	Bema Seat	Great White Throne
Scripture	Matt 25:31-46	Ezek 20:33-44	1 Cor 3:10-15	Rev 20:11-15
Place	Earth, Jerusalem	Earth, wilderness	Heaven	Earth
Audience	Gentile Tribulation survivors	Jewish Tribulation survivors	Church Age believers	All unsaved
When	After Tribulation	After Tribulation	After rapture	After Millennium
Purpose	Saved Gentiles enter kingdom	Saved Jews enter kingdom	Reward believers	Degree of punishment in hell
Evaluation	Treatment of Christ's brethren	Passing under shepherd's rod	Works taken through fire	Not in the book; judged by books

Scripture's Five Crowns (Rev 4:10: 3:11; 2 John 8; 1 Cor. 3:15)

Scripture	**Title**	**Purpose**
1 Cor 9:24-27	Incorruptible crown	Gaining mastery over the old man
1 Thess 2:19-20	Crown of rejoicing	Soul winning
Jas 1:12; Rev 2:10	Crown of life	Enduring trials
1 Pet 5:2-4	Crown of glory	Shepherding God's people
2 Tim 4:8	Crown of righteousness	Longing for His appearing

J. Dwight Pentecost, *Things to Come: A Study in Biblical Eschatology* (Findlay, OH: Dunham, 1958; reprint, Grand Rapids, Zondervan, 1964), 225.

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What?

- Athletic contest (1 Cor 9:24-27)
- Steward (1 Cor 4:2)
- Building (1 Cor 3:10-15)



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How?

- Individually (Rom 14:12)
- Stewardship over time, talent, treasure (1 Cor 4:2)
- Motivation (1 Cor 4:5)
- Reliance upon divine grace or human enablement (John 15:1-8)



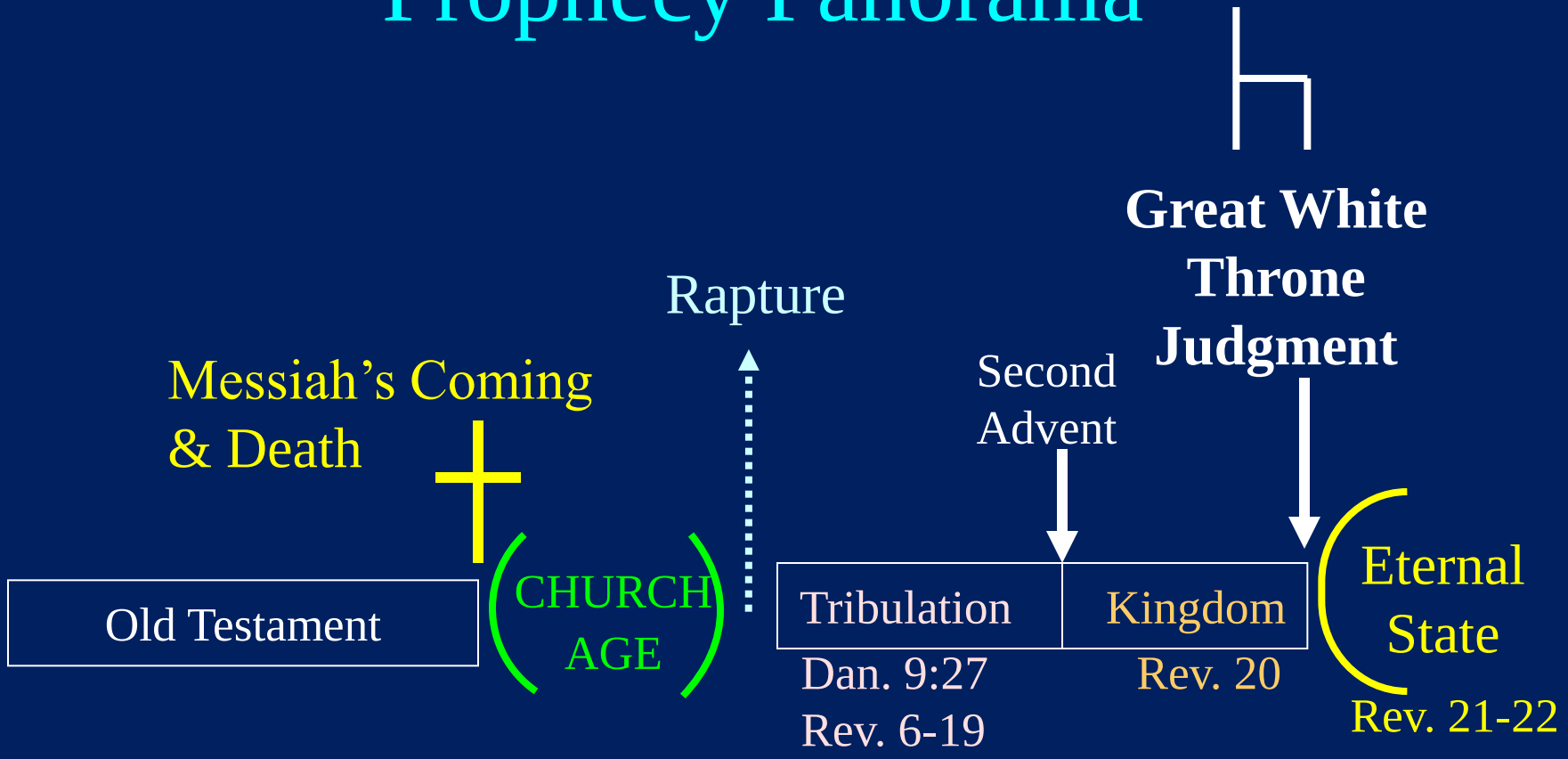
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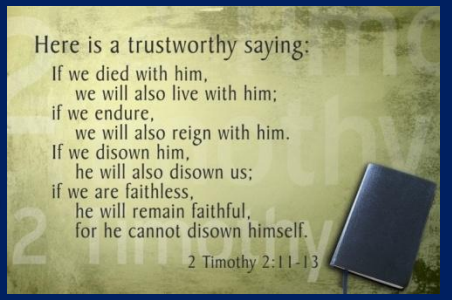
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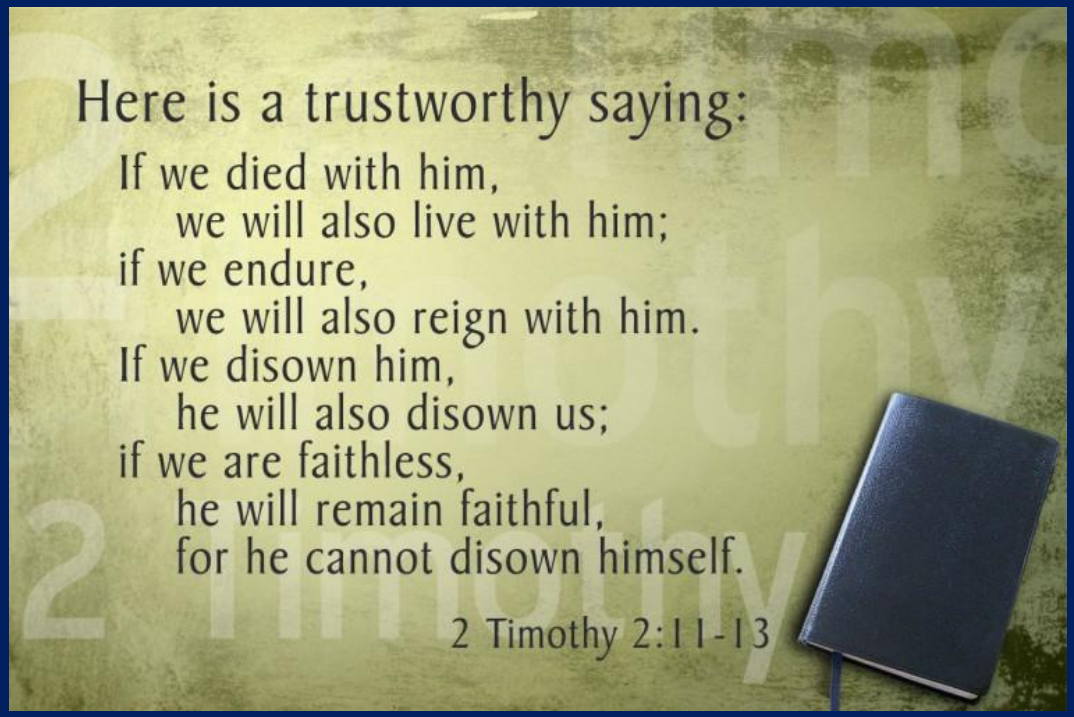
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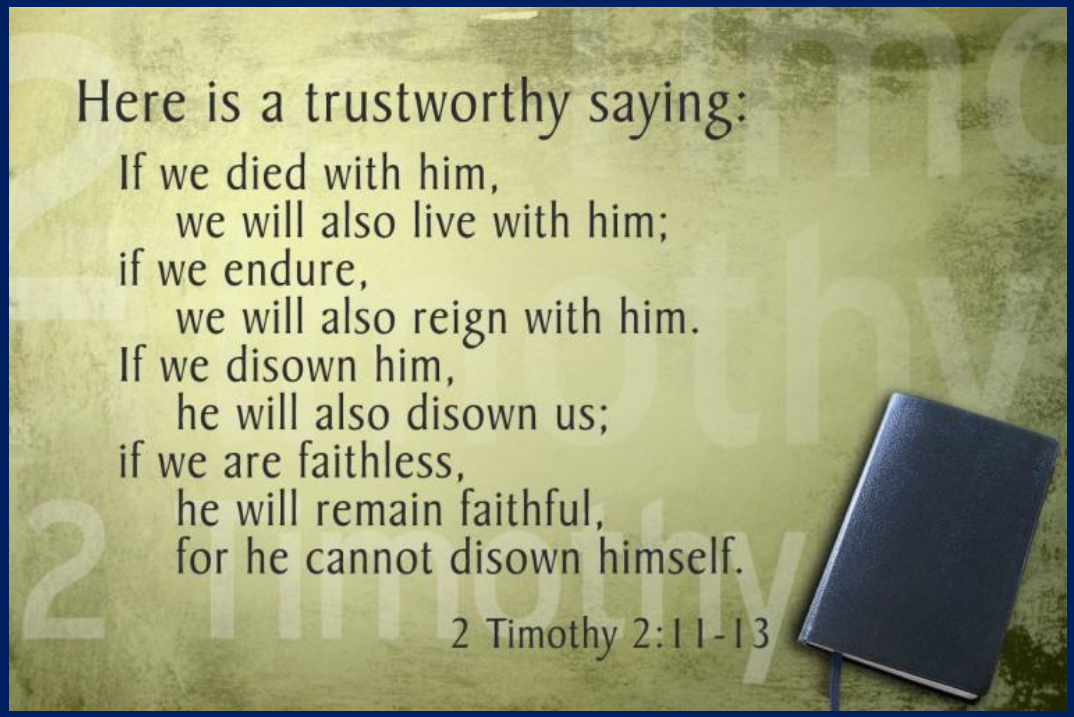
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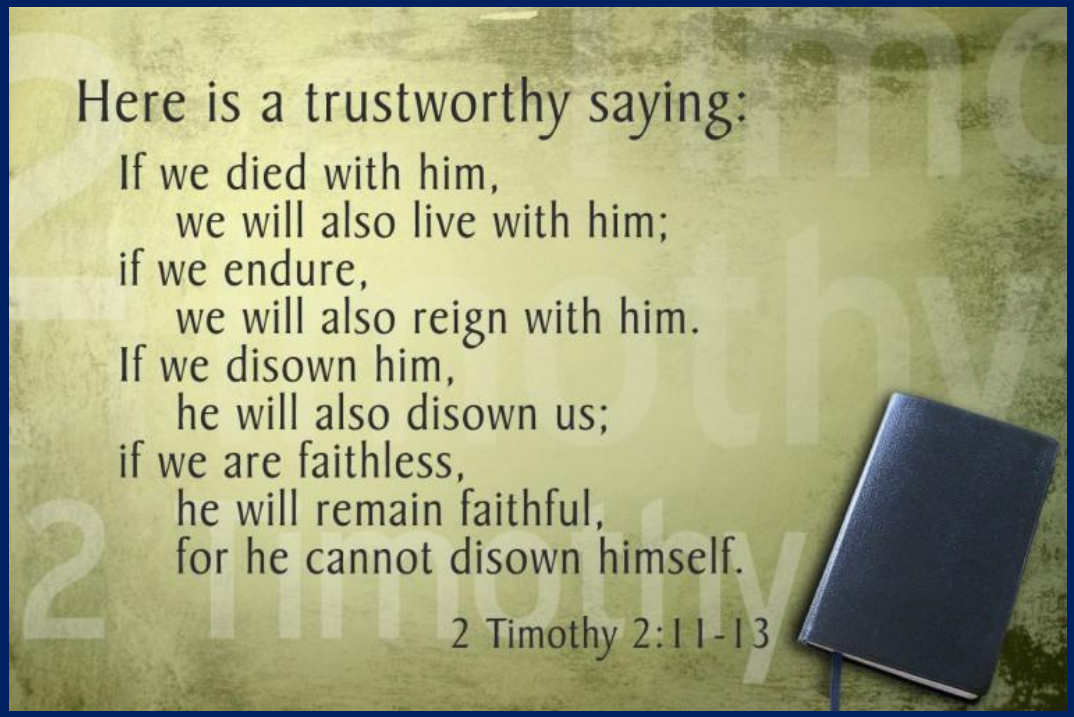


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John 5:24 (NASB)

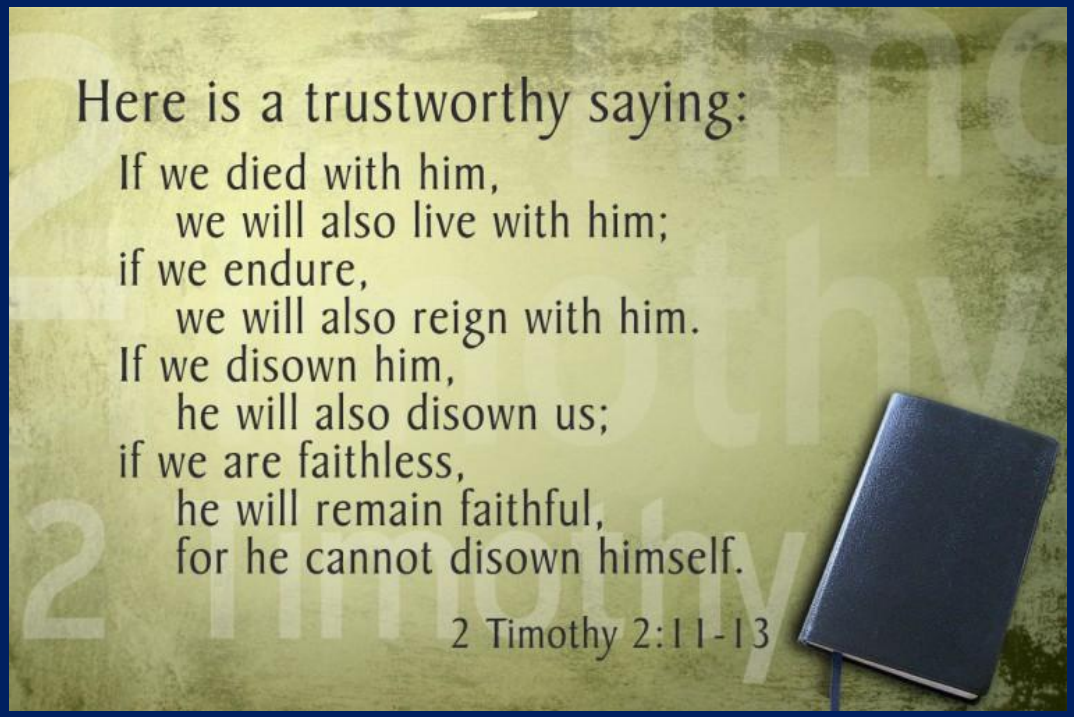
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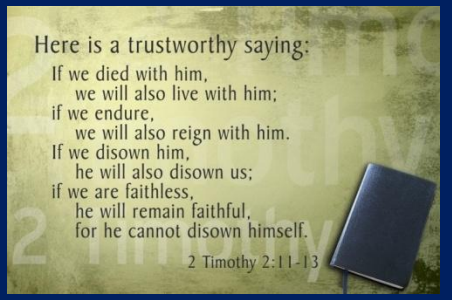
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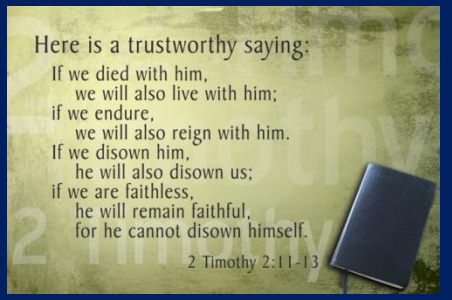
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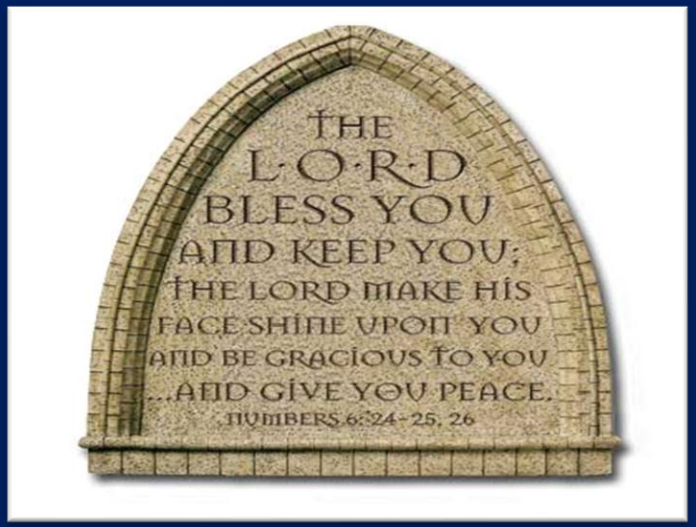


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