

L1: 2 Timothy 1:1-5 - Introduction to 2 Timothy

Introduction:

- 2 Timothy is written during his second imprisonment
 - 1st imprisonment during which he wrote Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians - he was released and wrote 1 Timothy and Titus and now is in prison again
 - Ephesians 3:1
 - Philippians 1:7
 - Colossians 3:10
 - 2 Timothy 1:8, 16, 2:9
- Didn't have the same prospect as his first imprisonment
 - Philippians 1:25-26
 - Philemon 22
 - 2 Tim. 4:6-8
 - 1st Imprisonment
 - House Arrest (Acts 28:16, 30)
 - Interaction with others (Acts 28:20)
 - 2 Timothy 1:16 - Onesiphorus
 - 2nd Imprisonment
 - Precluded by great persecution in which many departed
- Paul passing the torch to Timothy (a non-apostolic torch)
 - Emphasis on the Word of God
 - Partake of the affliction of the gospel, of the faith
 - Hold fast to the doctrine
 - Avoid error and those that err
 - Place confidence in scripture and preach it relentlessly

Preview:

- Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God
 - According to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus
- Paul and Timothy's relationship
- Paul's initial exhortations in view of the times and Timothy's specific situation

Sermon:

(2 Timothy 1:1)

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,

- "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God"
 - The sender of the this letter
 - Apostolic authority in view of the will of God concerning the revelation of Jesus Christ

- Manifest what was witnessed in the Old Testament
- Manifest what was hid in the Old Testament (the mystery of Christ)
- 2 Timothy 1:6, 8, 11, 13; 2:2, 7; 3:10, 14; 4:17
- **"according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,"**
 - **"the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus"**
 - Not simply "eternal life"
 - 2 Timothy 1:8-10
 - :10 - "life and immortality"
 - Foreverness, but also the issue of "life" "living godly in Christ"
 - 1 Timothy 4:8
 - Derived from the scriptures
 - The effect of the promise of life and abolishing of death in the midst of afflictions and persecutions

(2 Timothy 1:2)

To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

- **"To Timothy, my dearly beloved son:"**
 - Son in the faith
 - Description he has before God
- **"Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord."**
 - The edification for Timothy to learn
 - Mercy specified for those apt to teach

(2 Timothy 1:3)

I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;

- **"I thank God...that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day"**
 - **"without ceasing"** - Paul relentless in his remembrance of Timothy in his prayers
 - Inside look into Paul's prayers
 - Not a matter of self, but of others and what he can for them
 - The letter is a result of his remembrance of Timothy
 - **"whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience"**
 - Paul has served God from his forefathers, but not always with pure conscience, but currently is
 - In other words he serves God the way that proceeds from his forefathers with pure conscience
 - 1 Timothy 1:5-6

(2 Timothy 1:4)

Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy;

- **"greatly desiring to see thee" -**
 - "being mindful of thy tears" - his desire was mindful of Timothy's tears
 - Tears of Paul's absence, tears from the burden of being bishop of an assembly, or from the afflictions and the conflict of being ashamed
- **"that I may be filled with joy;"**
 - Joy from the prospect of Timothy's faithfulness

(2 Timothy 1:5)

When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

- **"When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee"**
 - Not feigned; not counterfeit;
 - "feign" - to form an idea or conception of something not real; To represent falsely
- **"Which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice;"** (2 Timothy 3:14)
 - The unfeigned example of his mother's and grandmother's faith
 - Wasn't a matter of simple appearance, the shew of going to church, but of living it out even in difficult situations and circumstances
 - Children are able to recognize whether something is feigned or unfeigned
 - Some words on godly parenting
- Here Paul is appealing to the rich heritage of true, sincere, pure conscience faithfulness toward God
- This becomes the foundation of Paul's numerous charges, exhortations, as well as, manifesting himself as the pattern to follow.
 - Many departing Paul but instead of Paul himself turning he remained faithful even in the sight of persecution.

Conclusion: