

## L2: 2 Timothy 1:6-12 - Afflictions of the Gospel

### Introduction:

- "The will of God" - reminder of God's will
- "pure conscience" - that which Timothy ought to have
  - Conscience has been built up
- "unfeigned faith" - feign is the idea or conception of something not real
  - We are to have unfeigned faith, that is, faith that is spoken, faith that is lived out, faith that appears

### Preview:

- Remember the gift of God
- Gift of God
  - What it isn't
  - What it is
- Causes of the gift of God
  - Not ashamed
  - Partake in afflictions (power of God)
- God's salvation and calling
  - What it isn't
  - What it is
  - Paul's cause

### Sermon:

**2 Timothy 1:6 "Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands."**

- **"Wherefore"** - mini-conclusion based upon his salutation
- **"I put thee in remembrance"** -
  - To have in the mind an idea which had been in the mind before
  - Purpose of putting Timothy in remembrance
    - **"that thou stir up the gift of God"**
      - To rekindle
      - **"stir"** - to move; to incite to action; to instigate by inflaming passions
        - Fervent, zeal, enthusiasm (en = in/theos = God)
      - **"up"** - settled down
    - **"the gift of God"**
      - The gospel of Jesus Christ
      - Romans 5:15 - "free gift"

- "which is in thee by the putting on of my hands."
  - Paul's involvement deepens the impact of these things in Timothy's mind

**2 Timothy 1:7 "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."**

- **"For God hath not give us the spirit of fear"**

- This is what we had before receiving the gift of God
  - Hebrews 2:14-15
    - Romans 8:15
    - 1 Corinthians 15:29-32, 51-58
- "the gift of God" - gifts to us - **"but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."**
  - Romans 1:4 - "spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:"
  - Power - Romans 1:16 - "the power of God"
  - Love - Romans 5:5 - "love of God is shed abroad in our hearts"
  - Sound Mind - Romans 8:27 - "the mind of the Spirit" (Romans 5:5)
    - 1 Thessalonians 1:5
      - "in power" - power
      - "in the Holy Ghost" - love
      - "in much assurance" - a sound mind (the power and love upon the heart)
        - "much assurance" - Confidence, firm persuasion, excess of boldness (Eph. 3:12)
        - "a sound mind" - entire, unbroken, no shaky, perfect
    - Romans 1:16 & 5:3-4
      - What the gift of God gives us to be engaged in the ministry

**2 Timothy 1:8 "Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;"**

- **Causes of the gift of God and its effects**
  - **No fear**
  - **Partake in afflictions**
- **"Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord"**
  - **"Be not thou therefore"** - the conclusion of
    - Remembering to stir up the gift of God, and
    - The gift not being of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind
  - **"ashamed"** - guilty of some action
    - It isn't sin to share the gospel
    - It isn't a crime to share the gospel

- **"of the testimony of our Lord"**
    - A solemn declaration or affirmation made for the purpose of establishing or proving some fact
    - Testimony differs from evidence; testimony is the declaration of a witness, and evidence is the effect of that declaration on the mind, or the degree of light which it affords.
      - 2 Corinthians 2:1-3
      - Galatians 3
      - 1 Corinthians 15:1-7
        - Evidence
          - Note: Those that believe God's Word simply written by man, have infallible evidence by man and unwavering testimony unto death
  - **"nor of me His prisoner"**
- **"but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel"**
  - **"but"** - adverse conjunction
  - **"be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel"**
    - Partake of the afflictions, based upon all that the gift of God is and provides
    - Romans 5:3-5, 8:17
  - **"according to the power of God"**
    - Romans 1
    - 1 Corinthians 15
    - 2 Timothy 4
  - Paul is exhorting Timothy upon direct apostolic evidence and to produce the ultimate fruit God desires until the appearing of Christ concerning the resurrection, that which isn't seen, but that which is in the doctrine.

**2 Timothy 1:9 "who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,"**

- **"who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling"**
  - Justification and sanctification
    - Both **"not according to our works"**
    - Ephesians 2:8-10
- **"but according to His own purpose and grace"**
  - First, :8 - "according to the power of God"
  - Now, :9 - "according to His own purpose and grace"
    - His power - the ability to execute
    - His purpose - the end and goal
    - His grace - the ability and capacity

- **"which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began"**
  - Romans 8:28-30
  - Paul and Timothy a part of something much bigger than what they may naturally think, what they may feel, or what may seem to be - they are a part of the Creator's purpose set forth before the world began and have been saved to become a part of it and called to be part of it in this world or during this world and the glory of it to be experienced in the world to come.
    - 1 Timothy 4:8

**2 Timothy 1:10 "But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:"**

- **"But now made manifest"**
  - God's purpose and grace manifest revealed
- **"by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ"**
  - Not His first coming, nor His second coming, but His appearing to Paul
  - **"who hath abolished death, and"** - through His death
    - What are the implications of this upon possible death
  - **"hath brought life and immortality"**
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    - **"life"** - the paths, the way (Ps. 16:9-11)
    - **"immortality"** - what most think of when they think of eternal life
      - The quality of never ceasing to live or exist
      - Life destined to endure without end
    - All are immortal -
      - This body is mortal
      - The soul is immortal
  - **"to light through the gospel:"**
    - Christ manifests life and immortality
    - The gospel gives light to life and immortality
      - **People are living in their bodies, but it isn't life**
      - **People's bodies are mortal, but their soul is immortal**
      - **What people do in their mortal bodies will be judged and where they spend that immortality**
    - We do not simply desire immortality, but we desire Him in our immortality

**2 Timothy 1:11 "Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles."**

- Reminding Timothy

- The grandeur of Paul's apostleship and the glory of the message

**2 Timothy 1:12 "For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day."**

- Why isn't Paul ashamed?
  - I know whom I have believed (Romans 1:16)
  - Am persuaded (Romans 5:3-5, 8:31-39)
- Believed and Persuaded - recap of Romans 1-8
  - Believed (Romans 1-8)
  - Persuaded (Romans 8)
  - Justification, Sanctification, and Glorification (Hope)
    - Israel's equivalent - Hebrews 12:1-4

**Conclusion:**