

L5: 2 Timothy 2:7-14 - Obtain the Salvation in Christ

Introduction:

- Partake of the afflictions of the gospel
- Hold fast
- Be Strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus
 - Endure hardness as good soldier
 - Strive lawfully for masteries
 - Labor as husbandman and partake of fruits

Preview:

- Consider - Understanding in All Things
- Remember - My Gospel/Suffer
 - Endure all things for the elect's sakes
- Obtain the salvation in Christ with eternal glory
- Faithful Saying

Sermon:

Consider - Understanding in All Things

- **2 Timothy 2:7 Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.**
 - **"Consider what I say"** - to view attentively, to sit by, to fix the mind on, with a view to a careful examination
 - **"and the Lord give thee understanding in all things."**
 - Focus not only on the fact that it is through what Paul says the Lord gives understanding
 - Focus on the fact the Lord gives understanding in all things
 - "Understanding" comes from "consideration", perceiving what Paul says
 - "Understanding" in all things
 - To know the meaning "in all things"
 - Attaches to :3-6
 - Affairs of the life to come
 - Strive for mastery
 - Partake of fruits now (firstfruits), but also the harvest
 - Therefore, we receive understanding in all things as we consider what Paul says
 - That understanding in all things has to do with the life to come
 - 1 Kings 3:9ff - Solomon desires understanding to judge as king

Remember - My Gospel/Suffer

- **2 Timothy 2:8-9 Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel: {9} Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.**
 - **"Remember"** - To have in the mind an idea which had been in the mind before, and which recurs to the mind without effort
 - **"that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel:"**
 - Doctrinally brings our remembrance back to Romans 1:1-5
 - **"wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds;"**
 - Romans 3:8 - And not rather, (as we be slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say,) Let us do evil, that good may come? Whose damnation is just.
 - Romans 5:3, 8:17-39
 - Paul essentially jumps from Romans 1 to Romans 8
 - Romans 8 is the purpose of Romans 1
 - Romans 8 we were to perceive the words of understanding
 - These connect with Ephesians 1 when it talks about the eyes of our understanding
 - Timothy isn't operating upon the eyes of his understanding
 - Results you can see, you can feel, that you can measure especially as it concerns money (1 Tim. 6)
 - Paul then continues to stir up his mind by way of remembrance
 - Paul is in bonds, physically bound and restrained, but Paul understood the power of the word of God
 - **"but the word of God is not bound."**
 - Paul understood and desired Timothy to understand how God can do what He desires to do with Paul isn't because of Paul physically, but by the word of God.
 - More specifically sufferings are not a deterrant to "all things", but rather even in that which desires to take away "all things" from you - suffering you are to have an understanding of the power of the word of God that there is profit and value in suffering when it is married to the word of God - a profit that is eternal, value that will shew its worth in the life to come.

Obtain the salvation in Christ with eternal glory

- **2 Timothy 2:10 Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.**
 - **"Therefore"** - conclusion

- **"I endure all things"** - Particularly all hardness, all afflictions, etc
- **"for the elect's sakes"** - for believers sakes
 - **"elect's"** - believers, servants (Rom. 6, then described in Rom. 8 as sons & daughters)
 - **"sakes"** - ulterior purpose, for our account
 - 2 Corinthians 1, 4
- **"that they may also"** - Paul and Christ
- **"obtain the salvation"**
 - "which is in Christ Jesus" - it isn't to get into Christ, but a salvation in Christ Jesus
 - "with eternal glory." - not talking about eternal life although eternal life is glorious
 - Romans 8
 - 2 Corinthians 4
 - Salvation from what to what?

Faithful Saying

- **2 Timothy 2:11-13** **It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: {12} If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: {13} If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.**
 - **Other faithful sayings -**
 - **1 Timothy 1:15** "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief."
 - **1 Timothy 4:9** "For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation. For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of those that believe."
 - **Titus 3:8** "This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men."
 - **"For if we be dead with Him, we shall also live with Him:"**
 - Romans 6
 - **"if we suffer, we shall also reign with Him:"**
 - The connection between :11 to :12 isn't how one is dead with Him, nor how one is to suffer
 - The connection is the sure result of being dead with Him resulted in living with Him
 - Therefore, the sure result of suffering with Him results in reigning with

Him.

- Romans, as well as, the preceding context of 2 Timothy describes the role or how we are to suffer with Him.
 - All is a work of God
 - Dead with Him and live with Him - the work of the Spirit (Holy Ghost given to us, circumcision made without hands)
 - Our part - "faith alone"
 - Result - "live with Him"
 - Suffer with Him - the work of the Spirit (the firstfruits of the Spirit)
 - Our part - "faith which worketh"
 - Result - "reign with Him"
- The eternal glory is reigning with Him.
 - How do we suffer with Him?
 - Not first what we go through, but how we go through it
 - What goes on in the mind of Christ as He longsuffers this present world
 - Does that go on in our mind, do we put Him on?
 - Secondly, what we go through?
 - Sufferings of this present time - common to man (live in this world, sin in mortal bodies)
 - Sufferings of Christ - provoked by faithfulness in the gospel and godliness
 - How do we suffer those things?
- **"if we deny Him, He will also deny us:"**
 - The progression is based upon the previous verse and not the one before
 - We cannot "deny" Him in being "dead with Him"
 - We can "deny" Him in suffering with Him
 - We can "deny" sharing the gospel!
 - We can "deny" living godly!
 - If we do, He will deny us
 - **"deny"** - to declare a statement or position not to be true; to refuse to grant; not to afford; to withhold
 - Why, because we may have believed in Christ unto justification in the Father's sight, but when we are judged by Christ we are not like Him.
 - Matthew 10:32-39
- **"if we believe not, yet He abideth faithful: He cannot deny Himself."**
 - Must follow the progression - he isn't going up to :11, but rather :12

- Therefore, this isn't discussing the assurance of our justification, in fact, it is driving home the last proposition of :12
- **"if we believe not"** - that if we deny Him in suffering, that He will deny us in reigning
- **"yet He abideth faithful"** - He will be faithful to this judgment no matter if you believe or not
- **"He cannot deny Himself"** - remember this is the salvation in Christ Jesus with eternal glory, thus it isn't about our glory, but first about His
- **2 Timothy 2:14 Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers.**
 - **"Of these things"** - the faithful saying
 - **"put them in remembrance"** - constantly remind
 - **"charging them before the Lord"** - as if before the judgment seat of Christ now
 - **"that they strive not about words to no profit"** - examine which words we should strive over
 - There is a striving that doesn't result to profit, based upon the faithful saying
 - There is a striving that does result to profit, based upon the faithful saying
 - **Matthew 23:23**
 - "strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel."
 - Cannot understand the difference in caliber in doctrine
 - Gap Theory
 - Flat Earth
 - Conspiracy Theory Junkies
 - End Times methodology
 - Colors in a church, where one meets
 - Identifying Two Witnesses
 - "swallow a camel."
 - The Word of God
 - Justification
 - Sanctification
 - Glorification
 - Godliness
 - Marriage
 - Parenting
 - Family
 - Church
 - Government
 - Business
 - Love
 - Oftentimes, those that will spend so much of their time in the lesser matters thus omit the weightier matters, focus on godliness concerning godly love and increase and abound in that.

- It is shameful of many Pauline dispensationalists who do not focus on what their apostle focuses on.
 - They treat rightly dividing the word of truth as another conspiracy among conspiracies thus diminishing the word of God and they don't even know they are subverting hearers by mixing in all the garbage that resides out there.
 - All too often as their life testifies and others testify of their life - they are not a light as father or mother, as parents, as coworkers, as body members at the substitute for lesser things - thus they don't know Christ as they ought!
- **"but to the subverting of the hearers."**
 - to pervert the mind - get the mind fixed on these lesser issues as if they are significant issues

Conclusion: