

2nd Timothy 3:10-17

“For all Scripture is God-breathed...”

Introduction/Review

- Where we have been in this study
- Background: Second Letter of Paul to Timothy
- Paul is imprisoned in Rome – Nero was on the throne
- Final Charge of an “Old Soldier” to his “Son in the Faith

To Date Summary: The Good Soldier of Christ

- Ryrie's Outline of 2nd Timothy
- Salutation and Paul's Thankfulness for Timothy: 1:1-4
- The Call of the Soldier of Christ: 1:8-18
- The Character of the Soldier of Christ: 2:1-26
- The Cautions for the Soldier of Christ: 3:1-17

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- 3:10-11 NASB

10 Now you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance,

11 persecutions, and sufferings, such as happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra; what persecutions I endured, and out of them all the Lord rescued me!

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- You have followed = you followed up on, reviewed, investigated, traced the steps of, confirmed personally
- Rehearsed to the boy Timothy by mother and grandmother; validated by the adult Timothy through his research

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*12 Indeed, all who want to live in a godly way in Christ
Jesus will be persecuted.*

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- *Persecution of the godly is not out of the ordinary/a misadventure*
- *Accepted “Occupational Hazard”*
- *Medal of Honor*
- *Identification with Christ’s Life = with His persecution as well*

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13 But evil people and impostors will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

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- Neronian level persecution would not be the zenith of suffering*
- The heat of persecution will inevitably rise with the progressive decay of pagan society*

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As good men (believers), by the grace of God, grow better and better, so bad men, through the subtlety of Satan and the power of their own corruptions, grow worse and worse. The way of sin is down-hill; for such proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. – Matthew Henry

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14 You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned them,

15 and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

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Paul calls Timothy to steadfastness despite:

- Persecutions he has seen Paul suffer
- The inevitability of persecution for all who would live godly
- The assured expectation that persecution will intensify

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16 All Scripture is inspired by God and beneficial for teaching, for rebuke, for correction, for training in righteousness;

17 so that the man of God may be fully capable, equipped for every good work.

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- Scripture = γραφή (graphē); writing
- Jewish culture = *The Writings*: The Hebrew Bible

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Paul describes the Scriptures as being “inspired” (KJV)

- θεόπνευστος (theopneustos)

-- Theos (θεός): God, of God, pertaining to God

-- Pneo (πνέω): to breath, blow outward, wind

-- The Writings are breathed out by God/God
breathed

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The words of the Scriptures, as written by their prophetic authors, are God-breathed; they are words that come to us from the very mouth of God – the very oracular speech of the Eternal Sovereign Creator of the Universe

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- Correctly outfitted for the mission**
- Specific to environment of the operation**
- Published Rules of Engagement**
- Survival Gear**
- Encouragement to the Soldier in the midst of battle**