

# 2 TIMOTHY

*Passing On Our Faith*



*All in for the Gospel*



**2 Timothy 1:8** So do not be *ashamed* to testify about our Lord, or *ashamed* of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the **gospel**,

# EMPEROR NERO

The early church suffered for the gospel

- Early followers of Jesus in Acts were persecuted by the Jews for the name of Jesus
- Nero blamed Christians for a massive fire in Rome in 64 AD
- He persecuted Christians by setting them on fire to be used as torches, fed them to wild dogs, and crucified many
- Tradition tells us that Paul and Peter were Martyred under Nero



He reigned from 54 to 68 AD

The Gospel is Worth Living and Dying For

# The Gospel Brings Suffering

- Acts 5:41 Peter and John suffered for the name of Jesus
- Acts 9:16 Paul was told he would suffer for the name of Jesus
- Philippians 3:10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and participate in his suffering
- Romans 8:18 Our current suffering is not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us
- 1 Peter 4:16 If you suffer for being a Christian, do not be ashamed but praise God you bear that name
- 2 Corinthians 11:24 Paul was flogged 39 times, 3 times beaten with rods, once stoned, 3 times shipwrecked



# The Power of the Gospel

...by the power of God, 9 **He has saved us and called us to a holy life**—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, 10 but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Don't be Ashamed of the Gospel

11 And of this **gospel** I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. 12 That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day. 13 What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. 14 Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us. (2 Timothy 1:11–14, NIV84)

# Types of “Gospels” being taught today

- 01 Social “Gospel”
- 02 Prosperity “Gospel”
- 03 Consumer “Gospel”
- 04 Political “Gospel”
- 05 Faith + Works “Gospel”
- 06 Forgiveness only “Gospel”
- 07 Forgiveness and Life  
Changing Gospel

Has the Gospel Changed your Life?  
Are you willing to go all in no matter the cost?