

2 Timothy 1

King James Version (KJV)

Paul's last letter – 67 AD

(This book, like many of Paul's books, are good advice; not God's Word specifically. Paul was a scholar of God's Word, and based his advice on what he knew of the Word. Some of it may be a little dated, but most of it is timeless)

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus, (Apostle = a sent one) (Paul didn't volunteer, he was drafted by God on the road to Damascus)

2To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. (Paul mentored Timothy; he was not his real father)

3I 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; (Paul was one of the greatest Bible teachers. He set up churches all over the area. He never regretted having been selected by God to do that)

4Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy; (Paul had been in prison in Rome for years by now)

5When 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. (unfeigned= unwavering, without doubt) (Timothy was zealous to learn the scriptures) (Lois = agreeable; Eunice = with good victory)

6Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. (stir up- means literally in Greek- to rekindle the embers back into a fire)

7For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. (God's power gives us strength and peace of mind)

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; (Paul was in prison for teaching God's Word. The Kenites kept trying to kill him. They are still trying today to destroy God's Word. They won't win)

(Today, people try to shame Christians as right wing radicals. Don't let them intimidate you into silence)

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, (The Elect are called to service by God) (They were chosen by God before this age began. They stood with God against Satan's rebellion in the First Age <the Catabole>)

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: (Jesus made all of that abundantly clear to us when He walked the world as a flesh man to defeat death <the Devil>) Hebrew-2:14

¹¹ Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. (Gentiles= ethnos) (Paul's ministry was to bring the Word to all peoples, not just the Israelites. That is the essence of the New Testament)

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. (Paul was in prison for teaching God's Word; not for having committed any crimes)

¹³ Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. (Jesus preached love and salvation to all who want it. Believe in Jesus and do His word and you will be saved)

¹⁴ That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us. (Keep the Word, complete and unchanged.)

Kenites continually try to "update" the Word of God. They change it little by little to destroy its true meaning)

¹⁵This thou knowest, that all they which are in Asia be turned away from me; of whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes. (These two were ashamed of Paul, because he was in prison. He was only in prison for teaching the Word, not for committing crimes)

¹⁶The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus; for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain: (He knew that Paul was in prison for teaching the scriptures. He was loyal to Paul)

¹⁷But, when he was in Rome, he sought me out very diligently, and found me. (He visited Paul in prison in Rome)

¹⁸The Lord grant unto him that he may find mercy of the Lord in that day: and in how many things he ministered unto me at Ephesus, thou knowest very well. (Paul is asking for a blessing for him from God)