

2 Timothy 1 – Oct. 5, 2022 – Part 1

Last book of Paul; prison in Rome. Died, 60. Tim – co-auth 6 Ltrs: 2 Cor, Phil, Col, 1,2 Thes., & Philemon. Timothy: “my true son in the faith”

Lonely/reflect... Timothy needed to carry on the work. Pass/torch.

2 Timothy 1: 1-2 NIV – *Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, 2 To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Paul is an Apostle of Jesus by the **will of God**.

God has a WILL for our lives. (more in vs.11) But we have free will.

We can act in conformity with it, or go against it.

Promise of life that is in Jesus: eternal life. **John 10:10** - Life, abundantly

Grace, mercy & peace - from God, can't be taken; not circumstance depend

3-5 NLT – *“3 Timothy, I thank God for you—the God I serve with a clear conscience, just as my ancestors did. Night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. 4 I long to see you again, for I remember your tears as we parted. And I will be filled with joy when we are together again.”* Paul is lonely.

Do we have a **clear conscience** with God? What sin is unconfessed?

Are we ready to meet God now? Paul is. He's awaiting execution,.

B/c we don't know when life will end, have clear conscience. Daily.

6-7 NLT – *“I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you. 6 This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. 7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.”*

Eunice & Lois – a **heritage of faith**. Heritage is an **example** to inspire us.

They withstood storms; they came through trials. Strong women.

We are to be the next example. Carry the torch!

“Fan into flames” your spiritual gift. Paul didn't give gift, he prayed for it

Others sometimes see our gifts before we do. Encourage. Pray. Bless.

We all have a spiritual gift – to edify and build up one another.

Gifts: embers must be lit; developed. **Body of Believers needs it!**

3 things for fire: air, fuel, heat. **1** - God breathed into us... **2** - our energy & effort. **3** – heat - our passion. Tonight – get passion back. Fan/Flames!

God gives us power, love, & self-discipline. Fear/Lazy holds us back.

2 Tim. 1:8 NLT - 8 So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord. And don't be ashamed of me, either, even though I'm in prison for him. With the strength God gives you, be ready to suffer with me for the sake of the Good News."

Ashamed of Jesus? Ashamed of being a Christian?

Some may look down on us, but 1 day ... we'll look down from Heaven.

Be ready... be prepared... enemy will attack. We have **strength**

9-10 NIV – *"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"*

We don't earn grace, heaven, or love. God loves us because of Him.

We are beneficiaries of love. **God's purpose is love.** Relationship w/us
Called us to a holy life – we must live different as Christians.

Words we don't say. Things we don't do. Thoughts. **We are set apart.**

Lev. 20:26 - "You must be holy because I, the LORD, am holy. I have set you apart from all other people to be my very own."

How do we live a holy life? **1 – recognize your calling.**

Eph. 4:1 – "lead a life worthy of your calling, 4 you have been called by God"

Thessalonians 2:12, "Walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory."

2 – recognize the sacrifice

Philippians 1:27, "Conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ."

3 - honor God by living to please Him; be all you were created/designed

Col. 1:10, "Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God."

Stay positive. Test negative. **"I am Not Ashamed" – Heritage Singers**