

## 2 Timothy 1:1-14

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#### Salutation

**1** Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

**2** To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### Thanksgiving and Encouragement

**3** I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. **4** Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy.

**5** I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.

**6** For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, **7** for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

**8** Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, **9** who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,<sup>[a]</sup> **10** but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ,<sup>[b]</sup> who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. **11** For this

gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher,<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>12</sup> and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him.<sup>[d]</sup> <sup>13</sup> Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup> Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

## Footnotes

- a. 1.9 Gk lacks *began*
- b. 1.10 Other ancient authorities read *Christ Jesus*
- c. 1.11 Other ancient authorities add *of the gentiles*
- d. 1.12 Or *the deposit he has entrusted to me*

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