

# SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO TIMOTHY



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1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup> to Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>3</sup> I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, as without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day, <sup>4</sup> longing to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy; <sup>5</sup> when 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 it dwelleth in thee also. <sup>6</sup> For which cause I remind thee to stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup> for God gave us not the spirit of cowardice, but of power, and of love, and of admonition. <sup>8</sup> Be not then ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner; but endure hardship with me for the gospel through the power of God, <sup>9</sup> who saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and the grace which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, <sup>10</sup> but is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death, and brought life and incorruption to light through the gospel, <sup>11</sup> for which I was appointed a herald, and an apostle, and a teacher of the gentiles. <sup>12</sup> For which cause I suffer also these things. But I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which he hath committed to me unto that day. <sup>13</sup> Hold the pattern of sound words, which thou heardest from me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus; <sup>14</sup> the good trust committed to thee keep through the Holy Spirit which dwelleth in us. <sup>15</sup> Thou knowest this, that all those in Asia turned away from me, of whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes. <sup>16</sup> The Lord give mercy to the house of Onesiphorus, because he often refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain; but on the contrary, <sup>17</sup> when he arrived at Rome, he sought me out very diligently, and found me. <sup>18</sup> The Lord grant to him that he may find mercy from the Lord in that day: and what services he rendered me at Ephesus, thou knowest very well.

2 Thou therefore, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; <sup>2</sup> and the things which thou didst hear from me before many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, such as will be able to teach others also. <sup>3</sup> Endure hardship with me as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. <sup>4</sup> No one serving as a soldier entangleth himself with the affairs of life, that he may please him who chose him to be a soldier. <sup>5</sup> And if a man contendeth in the games, he is not crowned, unless he contendeth lawfully. <sup>6</sup> The husbandman

that laboreth must be the first partaker of the fruits. <sup>7</sup> Understand what I say; for the Lord will give thee apprehension in all things. <sup>8</sup> Bear in mind Jesus Christ of the seed of David, as raised from the dead, according to my gospel; <sup>9</sup> in which I suffer hardship even unto bonds as an evil-doer; but the word of God is not bound. <sup>10</sup> For this cause I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus, with everlasting glory. <sup>11</sup> True is the saying: for if we died with him, we shall also live with him; <sup>12</sup> if we endure, we shall also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; <sup>13</sup> if we are faithless, he remaineth faithful; for he cannot deny himself. <sup>14</sup> Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord not to carry on a strife of words, to no useful purpose, but rather to the subverting of the hearers. <sup>15</sup> Study to present thyself approved unto God, a workman not ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. <sup>16</sup> But shun the profane babblings; for they will go on to a higher degree of ungodliness; <sup>17</sup> and their word will eat as doth a canker; of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus, <sup>18</sup> who have erred concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection hath already taken place, and overthrow the faith of some. <sup>19</sup> Nevertheless God's firm foundation standeth, having this seal, "The Lord knoweth them that are his;" and, "Let every one that nameth the name of the Lord depart from iniquity." <sup>20</sup> But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also wooden and earthen ones; and some for honor, and some for dishonor. <sup>21</sup> If then any one shall purge himself from these, he will be a vessel for honor, hallowed, useful for the householder, prepared for every good work. <sup>22</sup> But flee youthful lusts, and follow righteousness, faith, love, peace, with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. <sup>23</sup> But the foolish and ignorant questionings avoid, knowing that they gender quarrels; <sup>24</sup> and a servant of the Lord must not quarrel, but be gentle to all, apt in teaching, patient of wrong, <sup>25</sup> in meekness admonishing those that oppose themselves; if haply God may give them repentance to attain the full knowledge of the truth, <sup>26</sup> and they may awake to their senses out of the snare of the Devil, by whom they have been taken captive to do his will.

3But know this, that in the last days grievous times will come. <sup>2</sup> For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without <sup>3</sup> natural affection, implacable, slanderers, incontinent, fierce, without love for what is good, <sup>4</sup> betrayers, headstrong, puffed up, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God; <sup>5</sup> having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof. And from these turn away. <sup>6</sup> For of these are they who creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away by divers lusts, <sup>7</sup> ever learning, and never able to come to the full knowledge of the truth. <sup>8</sup> Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so also do these withstand the truth; men corrupted in their minds, reprobate concerning the faith. <sup>9</sup> But they will proceed no further; for their folly will be clearly manifest to all, as that of