

## THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO TIMOTHY

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup> To Timothy, *my* dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, *and* 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, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day; <sup>4</sup> Greatly desiring 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 in thee also. <sup>6</sup> Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. <sup>7</sup> For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. <sup>8</sup> 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; <sup>9</sup> 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, <sup>10</sup> 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: <sup>11</sup> Where unto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup> That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us. <sup>15</sup> This thou knowest, that all they which are in Asia be turned away from me; of whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes. <sup>16</sup> The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus; for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain: <sup>17</sup> But, when he was in Rome, he sought me out very diligently, and found *me*. <sup>18</sup> The 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.

## 2

<sup>1</sup> Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. <sup>3</sup> Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of *this* life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. <sup>5</sup> And if a man also strive for masteries, *yet* is he not crowned,

except he strive lawfully. <sup>6</sup> The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits. <sup>7</sup> Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things. <sup>8</sup> Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel: <sup>9</sup> Where in I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, *even* unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup> *It is* a faithful saying: For if we be dead with *him*, we shall also live with *him*: <sup>12</sup> If we suffer, we shall also reign with *him*: if we deny *him*, he also will deny us: <sup>13</sup> If we believe not, *yet* he abideth faithful: he can not deny himself. <sup>14</sup> Of these things put *them* in remembrance, charging *them* before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, *but* to the subverting of the hearers. <sup>15</sup> Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. <sup>16</sup> But shun profane *and* vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. <sup>17</sup> And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; <sup>18</sup> Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some. <sup>19</sup> Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. <sup>20</sup> But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some

to honour, and some to dishonour. <sup>21</sup> If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, *and* prepared unto every good work. <sup>22</sup> Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. <sup>23</sup> But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. <sup>24</sup> And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all *men*, apt to teach, patient, <sup>25</sup> In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; <sup>26</sup> And *that* they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

### 3

<sup>1</sup> This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. <sup>2</sup> For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, <sup>4</sup> Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; <sup>5</sup> Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. <sup>6</sup> For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, <sup>7</sup> Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>8</sup> Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses,

so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. <sup>9</sup> But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all *men*, as theirs also was. <sup>10</sup> But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, <sup>11</sup> Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of *them* all the Lord delivered me. <sup>12</sup> Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. <sup>13</sup> But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. <sup>14</sup> But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned *them*; <sup>15</sup> And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: <sup>17</sup> That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

## 4

<sup>1</sup> I charge *thee* therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; <sup>2</sup> Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. <sup>3</sup> For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves

teachers, having itching ears; <sup>4</sup>And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. <sup>5</sup>But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. <sup>6</sup>For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. <sup>7</sup>I have fought a good fight, I have finished *my* course, I have kept the faith: <sup>8</sup>Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

<sup>9</sup>Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me: <sup>10</sup>For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia. <sup>11</sup>Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry. <sup>12</sup>And Tychicus have I sent to Ephesus. <sup>13</sup>The cloke that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring *with thee*, and the books, *but* especially the parchments. <sup>14</sup>Alexander the copper-smith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works: <sup>15</sup>Of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood our words. <sup>16</sup>At my first answer no man stood with me, but all *men* forsook me: *I pray God* that it may not be laid to their charge. <sup>17</sup>Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and *that* all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. <sup>18</sup>And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve *me*

unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

<sup>19</sup> Salute Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. <sup>20</sup> Erastus abode at Corinth: but Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick. <sup>21</sup> Do thy diligence to come before winter. Eubulus greeteth thee, and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia, and all the brethren. <sup>22</sup> The Lord Jesus Christ *be* with thy spirit. Grace *be* with you. Amen.

*The second epistle unto Timotheus, ordained the first bishop of the church of the Ephesians, was written from Rome, when Paul was brought before Nero the second time.*

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