

A Study of the Epistles of Paul

(NT Survey Lesson 186--2 Timothy 1)

Introduction: The second epistle of Paul to Timothy was Paul's last letter. It was written, it seems, shortly before Paul's death. With great passion for the truth Paul urges Timothy to remain faithful to his calling as a preacher of the gospel.

Lesson aim: To reflect upon the obligations of the man of God and the divinely-given incentives to fulfill them.

Introduction and greeting--2 Tim. 1:1-2

1. What phrase in verse one shows Paul not to be a self-appointed apostle?
2. Where or in what person is life?

Challenges to Timothy and incentives to fulfill them--1 Tim. 1:3-18

1. For what did Paul thank God? How did Paul himself serve God? What does this mean?
2. For what did Paul long? Why? How had Timothy expressed his love for Paul?
3. How did Paul describe the faith that dwelt in Timothy? In whom else had this faith dwelt?
4. What did Paul urge Timothy to do with the gift he had? How did he receive it? What incentive did Paul give Timothy to do this? (v. 7)
5. Of what did Paul urge Timothy not to be ashamed? What else did he urge Timothy to do?
6. What did Paul affirm that God had done? Not according to what? But by what? When was God's plan of salvation through Christ purposed? How was it revealed or made known?

7. What did Jesus abolish? What did he bring to light? How?
8. What was Paul's role in this? What did this cause to happen to Paul? (v. 12) Why was Paul not ashamed to suffer for Christ?
9. What charge did Paul give to Timothy in v. 13? In what two things was Timothy to do this?
10. What did Paul charge Timothy to "guard"? Through whom?
11. What did Paul say about those who were in Asia? Who in particular did Paul have in mind?
12. What man was the exception to this? (v. 16) What did he do?
13. What blessing did Paul pronounce upon him?