

Seven Bible Studies 2017

Epistles

August 27: 2 Timothy 1-2 (Ryan Ingle)

Sunday, August 27 ~ 2 Timothy 1 & 2

Timothy struggled when he went to Ephesus after the first letter. Paul went back to Ephesus as a result to help Timothy. Paul was feeling this would be it for him as he was once again imprisoned and sent to Rome after confronting the false teachers, i.e. Alexander and Hymenaeus, regarding their teachings. The movement had grown in false teaching which made it more difficult to reestablish Christ's true message

Ch 1

Paul reminds Timothy of the strong roots he has in the message of Christ through his mother and grandma. He urges him to stay strong in the faith and understanding...don't be ashamed of the message he should be teaching others. Be bold just like himself (Paul).

"That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day."

(1:12)

Here is a perfect verse showing where Paul's mindset was...he was not worried about what mere humans would do to him as he knew God would protect him even in death. His message was key to continuing the fight against false teachings.

Paul goes on to mention the help he received for the household of Onesiphorus while in Rome and how he wishes God's mercy shown upon him.

Ch 2

Paul urges Timothy to stay true and strong in Christ! Don't get entangled by nonsense and lies that are being spread but spread the truth!!

Even though, I, Paul, am chained, Christ's message is not! It is free from being chained!!

"Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself." (11-13)

Paul goes on to tell Timothy to remind the faithful not to be quarrelsome over words.

"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2:15)

One of the most quoted scripture heard from the pulpit!! Paul instructs Timothy and others to keep themselves in the Word to help keep themselves on track with God.

Avoid godless chatter as that produces nothing profitable for yourself or others! There have already been those who have fallen away as a result of godless chatter.

“Nevertheless, God’s solid foundation stands firm, sealed with this inscription: “The Lord knows those who are his,” and, “Everyone who confesses the name of the Lord must turn away from wickedness.”” (2:19)

“Don’t have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. And the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful.” (2:23-24)

Not only was this a problem back in the time of Timothy and Paul, but still continues to today! Meaningless arguments that don't inform those around us of God's true message. Satan's way of distracting everyone so no one benefits from the message of Christ.

Comment:

Butch O’Neal:
Thank you, Ryan!

September 3: 2 Timothy 3-4 (Ryan Ingle)

Sunday, Sept 3 ~ 2 Timothy 3 & 4

Ch 3

Paul continues in his instructing of Timothy here of how the end times will be. Seems as though Paul could have been looking into the future around our time now...

Paul warns of women who are gullible as their sin convicts their depressed spirit to believing any "truth" and never really learn the real truth. Verse 8 talks about Jannes and Jambres who I think could have possibly been two of Pharaoh's magicians who opposed Moses and Aaron in Exodus 7.

Paul goes on to remind Timothy of all that Paul had been through (and the great example he was for Timothy). Paul continues by stating anyone who truly wants to live their life for Christ WILL be persecuted while false teachings will increase and become even worse.

Once again, we are privileged in today's reading to have will quoted scripture in our reading...“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” (16-17)

Ch 4

Continue in your preaching of Christ's message as all will be judged by God and Christ in the end. The time will come when people won't put up with sound doctrine but will want to soothe their "itching ears" with doctrine that makes them "feel good" about themselves and their lifestyles...Sounds familiar in most religions now-a-days.

Paul instructs Timothy to continue to stand firm in the teachings even through it all. Do the hard work. Continue in preaching the message as my time is now at an end. Paul feels comfortable with how well he has run the race. He knows there is a crown for him in heaven.

Paul once again shows his concern here by telling Timothy to hurry as his time is short here on earth and that there are those who have strayed from the faith. Be especially careful of Alexander as he strongly opposes their message.

Paul mentions that while everyone deserted him in his time of need during his trial. Christ, however, strengthened him and helped him spread the message.

I wish everyone a great week and hopefully most were able to make it to a Labor Day meeting in Iowa or California:)

Comment:

Joanne Caffie:

Thanks Ryan for the reminder that I need to have another "scriptural" conversation with my sister-in-law about the TRUTH. She's been attending a church with a female preacher and seems to have convinced herself that she's following the Lord. These passages will give me another chance to show her how she could possibly be straying away from God's Word. Again, thanks

Replies:

Ryan Ingle:

I will pray for the wisdom and strength in this matter and that God will help as well.

Comment:

Butch O'Neal:

Thank you, Ryan!

Replies:

Ryan Ingle:

No problem. Have a great week:)

Comment:

Ginger Hermon:

Thanks for your diligence to this study, Ryan! As well, for your and Jamie's hospitality this weekend. You're a great blessing in the Kingdom. I love these 2 chapters. Full of truths and encouraging verses.

Replies:

Ginger Hermon:

And since I won't be in class the next few months due to teaching I'll ask here. I assume it is a metaphor on the reference to the lion's mouth. Correct?