

Passing the Baton, a Study of 2 Timothy – Lesson 4

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Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity, but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle and a teacher.

2 Timothy 1:8-11

Day 1 Unashamed

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, – 2 Timothy 1:8

1. What is the “Therefore” there for? How do the preceding verses connect to this verse?

2. What 2 commands is Paul giving to Timothy?

3. Define the word “ashamed”.

Day 2 Suffering for the Gospel

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, – 2 Timothy 1:8

1. Why was Paul in prison?
 - a. How did Paul view his imprisonment? See Phil. 1:12-14.

2. Why does suffering go hand-in-hand with the gospel and faithful Christian living?

3. How should we view suffering for the sake of Christ?

4. What does Scripture say about suffering?

a. Philippians 1:29

b. 2 Thessalonians 1:5

c. 1 Peter 2:19-21

d. 1 Peter 3:14

e. 1 Peter 5:9

3. How is salvation accomplished?

4. What are the results of our salvation?

5. What are we called to do in light of our salvation?

6. What is the security of our salvation?

7. How does Ephesians 2:8-9 expand your understanding of this verse?

Day 4 The Glorious Gospel

but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, –2 Timothy 1:10

1. How was God's power shown through the appearing of Jesus Christ?
2. How did Jesus abolish death?
3. Define the word *abolish* (katargeō).
4. If Jesus abolished death, why do people still die?

5. Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-57. How does this passage tie in with verse 10?

6. What does it mean that we have life and immortality through the gospel?

7. What is the contrast that Paul is making here between “suffering for the gospel” and “life and immortality to light through the gospel”?

Day 5

for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle and a teacher. –2 Timothy 1:11

1. Who appointed Paul to be “a preacher and an apostle and a teacher”?

2. For what reason was Paul appointed to be “a preacher and an apostle and a teacher”?

3. What are the differences between preachers, apostles, and teachers?

4. What was necessary to occupy the office of apostle? See Acts 1:15-26.

5. What was the chief work of the apostles? See Ephesians 2:19-22.

6. Are there any apostles today? Why or why not?

Dig Deeper

1. The power of God is poured out upon all those He calls to suffer for His name's sake. Spend some time in prayer thanking God for this great wonder!
2. What has God's power done in your life?
3. Write a 2-3 min gospel presentation and rehearse it as many times as you can throughout the day. How does this change your thinking during the day?
4. For each discouraging thought of this world, write down one glorious thought of what eternity will be like for you.