

and bring victory in any cause for alarm; for it is the spirit of the Love of Christ. Praying in the Holy Spirit, and getting our minds off the danger that could await us, and on to the Word of God, will bring to us a *sound mind*, as we conform not to the way the world thinks but renew our minds by being transformed by the Word of God (Romans 12:2).

3. Paul gives Timothy 3 commands in II Timothy 1:8, What are they?

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- (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_

4. What are the 4 acts of God in II Timothy 1:9?

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_
- (4) \_\_\_\_\_

5. What are the 4 acts of Jesus Christ in II Timothy 1:10?

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_
- (4) \_\_\_\_\_

## FIRST STUDY

### THE LAST WORDS OF THE APOSTLE PAUL THE PROMISE OF LIFE (II Timothy 1:1)

It was an age of death when St. Paul wrote this Epistle. Beneath all the gaieties of Roman civilization there was decay of morals, and corruption in the inner life. Suicide, as we have seen, was common in Rome, and men, tired of themselves, and disbelieving alike in present or in future joy, put an end to their earthly existence. St. Paul was now enduring his second imprisonment at Rome. In the year A.D. 63 the great conflagration (fire; blaze), for which that master of crime, Nero, was responsible, took place, burning half the city. He falsely charged his own crime on the Christians, some of whom were covered with the skins of beasts and thrown to the dogs; some were covered with inflammable materials, and burnt as human torches, which illuminated the gardens; while the bestial (inhuman; cruel) Nero drove abroad in his chariot, and indulged his base delight in the carnival of fire and blood. St. Paul, knowing his own end to be near at hand, in a city where his second imprisonment had become much more severe than the first one had been, had now no opportunity preaching, as he did under the milder treatment he was subjected to before, and gives this second charge to Timothy, whom he exhorts to be courageous and earnest in

the defense and proclamation of a faith which the imprisoned apostle could proclaim no more. <sup>1</sup>

Paul was martyred.

**The promise of life.** II Timothy 1:1. Paul, knowing, his time of departure was near, knew they could kill his body, but the revelation that the life of Christ was in him and the promise that he would live with Christ eternally, they could never destroy or defeat.

This touching letter was written by Paul to his “dearly beloved son” shortly before his martyrdom. <sup>2</sup>

Paul finishes his personal greeting with, *Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord* (II Timothy 1:2).

1. What does Paul write Timothy about his personal prayers for Timothy in II Timothy 1:3?

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Paul’s reason for thanksgiving in remembrance of Timothy, is brought out in verse 5, where he mentions Timothy’s *unfeigned* (genuine) *faith* and that of his *grandmother Lois* and his *mother Eunice*; and then Paul says again that he is persuaded that

is in Timothy also (ref. Ephesians 1:15; I Thessalonians 1:2). Paul expresses his great desire in verse 4, to see Timothy just one more time before Paul is offered-up to be killed, knowing that Timothy has shed tears for him, and also knowing it would fill Paul with joy to see Timothy once again.

EXHORTATION TO ENDURANCE (II Timothy 1:6-19)

It seems Paul knew Timothy was cast down and depressed with all the danger the Christians were facing at this time. After all Paul was in prison, facing death, and that was enough in itself, to cause Timothy to be uneasy and unsettled concerning the future for the Church, his family and himself.

1. Of what did Paul remind Timothy in II Timothy 1:6 to help exhort and revive him? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. (a) What kind of spirit did Paul tell Timothy, did not come from God? (II Timothy 1:7) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) What spirits do come from God? (same verse) \_\_\_\_\_

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The Holy Spirit empowers us with the attributes that can only come from God, for He is the All Powerful One. Love is the greatest gift and the Holy Spirit inside the believer can stir up that love

1. The Pulpit Commentary, Volume XXI, II Timothy, p. 12.

2. Scofield Bible, p. 1279.