

Survey of 2 Timothy

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Introduction

1. Paul's second pastoral epistle Paul to Timothy (1:1-2) last letter before being called home to heaven.
2. Paul writes 2Timothy as a prisoner in Rome and expects to soon die (2 Tim.1:17; 4:6).
3. Timothy became the spiritual child of Paul (1 Cor.4:17; 1 Tim.1:2; 2 Tim.1:2) and as left in Ephesus to complete the work there (1 Tim.1:3).
4. Jannes and Jambres (3:8) were thought to be magicians who opposed Moses (Exod.7:11-12).
5. When Paul was arrested and treated as a criminal (2:9). His arrest had been so sudden and unexpected he didn't have time to get his books or warm cloak (4:13).
6. Last Letter: The last time Paul was confined in Rome he had a lot of freedom and friends. This time he was cold, alone and expected to die (4:6-18). He mentions 23 individuals in this letter. As a dying man he was living for others.

- Outline:**
- Enduring Current Trials (1—2)**
 - a. Be steadfast in the Gospel (1:6-18)
 - b. Be Patient in Suffering (2:1-13)
 - c. Be faithful in duty and calling (2:14-26)
 - Enduring Coming Trials (3—4)**
 - a. Perilous times (3:1-13)
 - b. Difficult Duties (3:14—4:18)

Main Points and Application

1. Paul commends Timothy's childhood training (1:5; 3:15).
2. How is training necessary for Timothy's calling (1:6-14)? What routines would train us?
3. On two occasions Paul addressed Timothy's gift (1 Tim.4:14 & 2 Tim.1:6). Why does Paul use last words to talk about spiritual gifts (1 Cor.12:4-31; Rom.12:3-13; Eph.4:11-16; 1 Pet.4:10-11)?

4. Why is 2:3 necessary? What other analogies does Paul use to encourage Timothy to stay the course God had called him to?
5. How does one get repentance (2:24-26)?
6. Difficult times (3:1-5) and solutions (3:16, 17).
7. Why do we need preaching so much (4:1-5)?
8. Paul gives us an example of ending life well (4:6-8).
9. Reminders for a difficult life: 2:19 and 4:17. No other religion anywhere has this.