

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

Date: October 24, 2021

Series: "Keeping the Faith in Difficult Times"

Text: Second Timothy

INTRODUCTION

1. Wedding Bells - August 20, 1977
2. That promise is not kept easily!
 - We're _____.
 - Life in a _____ is hard.
3. Another loyalty which _____ loyalty to one's spouse. Christ has bought you at the price of His own death. "You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body."

You now doubly belong to God . . .

- He made you; He is the _____.
- He bought you; He is your _____.
And that means your life is not your own!!!

The Bible uses one metaphor more frequently than any other to denote our relationship to the divine Master: **δούλος** (*doulos*). It means 1) a "slave" who completely belongs to his owner and has no freedom to leave; and 2) a "servant" who willingly chooses to serve his master.

4. Through hardship and temptation, we are to be loyal (faithful) to Jesus Christ.

_____ (see 2 Tim. 1:8-12, 15-18; 4:16-17)

1. Paul *again* was a prisoner in Rome! See 1:8; 1:16; 2:9; 1:17 (in Rome).
2. His situation was not the same as the one in Acts 28 (A.D. 59-61).

3. His epistle belongs to the time following Nero's edict making Christianity *religio illicita* (an illegal religion). The edict was issued in the Fall of A.D. 64 after a horrendous fire destroyed almost three quarters of Rome in July of A.D. 64.
4. Was Paul's situation unique? Was he experiencing something unusual or out of the ordinary?

_____ (see 2 Tim. 1:13-14; 2:14-26; 3:1-9; 4:3-4)
 Timothy was given *five duties* with regard to the apostolic faith (con't. in the NT Scriptures, built on the foundation of the OT Scriptures).

1. Study it _____ (2:15)
2. Guard it _____ (1:13-14)
3. Preach it _____ (4:1-2)
4. _____ it to faithful men (2:1-2)
5. Suffer for it _____ (1:8)

SUMMARY

This morning, in my OVERVIEW of Second Timothy, we've zeroed in on two hardships/pressures that will test our loyalty to Jesus Christ. My duty as a "Christian" (a slave of Christ) is clear: endure hardship and be faithful "as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." **How?** Remember, what God asks you & me to do, He will enable us to do.

1. God's _____ (1:8)
2. God's _____ (2:1)
 It is power; divine strength given so we can live in ways that please God.
3. God's _____ presence (4:16-17)
4. God's _____ (4:6-8, 18)
 Do not live your earthly life with a *DESTINATION* mentality!!!
5. God's _____ (1:6-7, 13-14)