

## From Forgiven to Faithfulness (2 Timothy)

Lesson 8: Faithfulness in History

Text: 2 Timothy 1:9-2:2

Date: February 5, 2023

### INTRODUCTION:

#### 1. Faithful Servants (2:3)

Last week we looked at four hardships that will test our loyalty to Christ. (1) persecutions; (2) Moral deterioration; (3) Doctrinal defections; and (4) Personal desertion. Timothy was charged to "be different" / be faithful.

#### 2. Faithfulness in History: Overview

God showed Himself faithful to His promises, Paul and Onesiphorus were faithful, while some of their contemporaries were unfaithful. In light of these things, Timothy and believers today are charged to be faithful.

### GOD'S FAITHFULNESS (1:9, 10)

Faithfulness 'par excellence' resides in God Himself, and so Paul began with a mention of God's faithfulness in salvation.

#### 1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Salvation (1:9)

- A. God saved us and called us to a \_\_\_\_\_ life.
- B. God's salvation is not according to \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. The basis was His own \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

#### 2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Salvation (1:10)

It was only in Christ's actual arrival and His death on the cross that the saving purposes of God & His grace were so fully made known, or manifest.

- A. "who destroyed (abolished) death"
- B. "and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel."

### PAUL'S FAITHFULNESS (1:11-12)

The man thru whom God said that stewards must be faithful (1 Co. 4:2) set an excellent example of faithfulness for all other stewards of the grace of God.

#### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ (1:11). There are no apostles today.

- A. They were in the foundation, or beginning level of church (Eph. 2:20)
- B. They were people who had seen the risen Christ (1 Cor. 9:1)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ (1:12a)  
Because he was faithful, this meant imprisonment and impending death.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ (1:12b)

### UNFAITHFUL ONES (1:15; 2:17; 4:9)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ (1:15).

2. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (2:17).

3. \_\_\_\_\_ (4:9).

### ONESIPHORUS' FAITHFULNESS (1:16-18)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (1:16-17)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ (1:18)

### TIMOTHY CHARGED TO FAITHFULNESS (1:13-14; 2:1-2)

The examples of both faithfulness & unfaithfulness form the setting in which Paul charged Timothy to be faithful.

1. In \_\_\_\_\_ (1:13-14)

What are some practical ways a church can guard its doctrine?

2. In \_\_\_\_\_ (2:1)

3. In \_\_\_\_\_ (2:2)

Strategies for passing on sound doctrine to faithful people?