

Lesson 8 • Faithfulness in History • 2 Timothy 1:9—2:2

## From Forgiven to Faithfulness



Philemon, Titus, and 2 Timothy focus upon *forgiveness, righteousness & faithfulness.* We enter upon the Christian life as God grants us <u>forgiveness</u> in Jesus Christ. As we grow in Christ, our lives become increasingly characterized by <u>righteousness</u>. And God expects <u>faithfulness</u> from us, His servants, until He takes us home to heaven.

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### **OVERVIEW:**

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



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"The words which crystallize the letter for me are the two little monosyllables su de ('but as for you'), which occur four times. Timothy is called to be different. He is not to yield to the pressures of public opinion or conform to the spirit of his age, but rather to stand firm in the truth and the righteousness of God. In my judgment nothing is more needed by Christians in today's world and church than this same courage."

John R. W. Stott. The Message of 2 Timothy, 1973.



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## Pass It On

- Use mentoring partnerships
- Identify and train
  "Timothys" in the church
- Encourage people to formal Bible training

## FIRST-CENTURY BIBLE LANDS





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"Second Timothy has appropriately been called Paul's 'swan song'. In it we have the final, moving words of that mighty warrior of the cross as he faces death unafraid. It's the dying appeal of the Apostle to his young associate, exhorting him to steadfastness in the ministry in the face of appalling difficulties. It is the most personal of the Pastoral Epistles. It is rich in personal details and gives us a closing picture of the dauntless messenger of Christ, tender and sympathetic, heroic and grand to the very end."

Dr. Kenneth G. Hanna. From Gospels to Glory: Explor-ing the New Testament (2015).

## 1 TIMOTHY 1:3-4

"As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain men not to teach false doctrines any longer nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. These promote controversies rather than God's work—which is by faith."

### The Three Kinds of Books in the New Testament

#### Historical

Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

Acts

#### Pauline

### TO CHURCHES:

Romans

1 Corinthians

2 Corinthians

Galatians

**Ephesians** 

Philippians

Colossians

1 Thessalonians

2 Thessalonians

#### General

Hebrews

James

1 Peter

2 Peter

1 John

2 John

3 John

Jude

Revelation

### TO INDIVIDUALS:

1 Timothy

2 Timothy

Titus

Philemon

### TIME LINE OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

### **Historical Books**

Gospel-Acts						post-Acts		
A.D. <b>0</b>	A.D. <b>30</b>	A.D. <b>48</b>	A.D. <b>50</b>	A.D. <b>53</b>	A.D. <b>60</b>	A.D. <b>62</b>	A.D. <b>67</b>	A.D. <b>95</b>
Pauline Epistles						<b>↑</b>	<b>↑</b>	
		Galatians	1 Thessalonians 2 Thessalonians	1 Corinthians 2 Corinthians Romans	Ephesians Colossians Philemon Philippians	1 Timothy Titus	2 Timothy	
General Epistles						<b>↑</b>	<b>↑</b>	<b>↑</b>
		James				1 Peter 2 Peter	Hebrews Jude	1 John 2 John 3 John Revelation