

The second letter of Paul to

Timothy

^{1:1}Paul, a sent one of the Anointed One, Jesus, through the will of God, concerning the announcement of *the message of the life of God* which is in the Anointed One, Jesus. ^{1:2}To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and the Anointed One, Jesus our Lord. ^{1:3}I thank God whom I serve – as my forefathers did – with a clear conscience while I remember you constantly in my prayers, night and day.

^{1:4}Remembering your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy, ^{1:5}having been reminded of your sincere faith which first resided in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and, I am persuaded resides in you also.

^{1:6}For this reason I remind you to fan the flame of the gift of God which was *confirmed* in you through the laying on of my hands. ^{1:7}For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but of power, love, and self-control.

^{1:8}Therefore, don't be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord nor of me, his prisoner, but suffer hardship for the gospel together with me according to the power of God.

^{1:9}*It is he* who saves us and calls us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace which was given to us in the Anointed One, Jesus, before the ages of time.

^{1:10}*This purpose* has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior the Anointed One, Jesus, who rendered death ineffective and brought *the eternal life of God* – even immortality – to light through the gospel. ^{1:11}It is for this message that I was appointed a herald, a sent one, and a teacher.

^{1:12}This is also the reason that I suffer these things. Yet I am not ashamed, for I know the One in whom I have believed and I am persuaded that he is able to safeguard the deposit which *he has put in me* until the day of his appearing.

^{1:13}Maintain the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me through faith and love which are in the Anointed One, Jesus. ^{1:14}Guard that good thing which was deposited in *you* through the Holy Spirit which lives in us.

^{1:15}You already know that all those who are in Asia have turned away from me, among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes. ^{1:16}*May* the Lord grant mercy to the house of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chain. ^{1:17}Instead, when he came to Rome he sought me diligently and found me.

^{1:18}*May* the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord in that "day" because of the many things he ministered *to me* at Ephesus, as you know very well.

CHAPTER 2

^{2:1}You, therefore, my child, be strengthened in the grace which is in the Anointed One, Jesus. ^{2:2}And the things which you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit the same things to faithful men who are competent to teach others also.

^{2:3}Suffer hardship with me as a good soldier of the Anointed One, Jesus. ^{2:4}No soldier entangles himself in the affairs of this life so that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. ^{2:5}And also, if someone competes as an athlete, he is not awarded unless he has competed according to the rules. ^{2:6}The hard-working farmer must be the first to partake of the fruits of *his labor*. ^{2:7}Consider what I say for the Lord will give you understanding in all *these* things.

^{2:8}*Always* remember that Jesus the Anointed One who is of the seed of David has risen from the dead according to my gospel ^{2:9}for which I suffer hardship, *so much so* as to be locked up as a criminal. But the word of God is not

restrained. ^{2:10}Therefore, I endure all things for sake of the chosen ones in order that they also may fully attain the salvation that is in the Anointed One, Jesus, *which is* accompanied by eternal glory.

^{2:11}This is a *completely* reliable saying:

“For if [to the extent that] we have entered into death together with him, we will also share *God’s* life together with him.

^{2:12}If we endure *to the end*, we will also reign with him. If we deny him, he also will disown us [before the Father] (see Mt 10:33).

^{2:13}If we do not continue in faith, he *still* remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself [in us].”

^{2:14}Remind the brethren of these things, solemnly exhorting them in the presence of the Lord not to argue over words which benefits no one but instead only damages *the faith* of those who are listening.

^{2:15}Be diligent to present yourself approved before God *as* a workman who does not need to be ashamed, *since he* uses the word of the truth correctly.

^{2:16}But avoid *those who engage in* earthly, empty discussions, for they only promote more ungodliness ^{2:17}and their words will spread like an infectious disease among those who feed on them. An example of such men are Hymenaeus and Philetus, ^{2:18}men who have missed the mark concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is past already *and* thereby overthrowing the faith of some.

^{2:19}However, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, “The Lord knows those who are his.” And, “Let everyone who names the name of the Lord remove themselves from sinful behavior.”

^{2:20}Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver but also of wood and of earthenware. Some are for honorable uses [i.e. decoration, eating, drinking, etc.] and some for dishonorable uses [i.e. chamber pots, wash basins, etc.] ^{2:21}If a man, therefore, purifies himself from these *previously mentioned errors*, he will be a ves-

sel of honor, having been made holy, suitable for the master's use and prepared for every good work.

^{2:22}Flee from youthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace together with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. ^{2:23}Don't get involved with foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they only produce quarrels. ^{2:24}For the Lord's servant must not argue, but be gentle towards all, ready to teach, enduring evil, ^{2:25}correcting those who oppose you in meekness.

This is so that God can give them a chance to repent and fully understand the truth. ^{2:26}*In this way* they can recover themselves out of the snare of the devil where they have been taken captive and *return* to doing the will of God.

CHAPTER 3

^{3:1}But you must understand this: in the last days perilous times will come. ^{3:2}For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, cursing, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ^{3:3}without natural affection, unwilling to live in peace with others, slanderers, without self-control, controlled instead by animal-like impulses, not lovers of what is good, ^{3:4}covenant breakers,* stubborn, puffed up, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.

^{3:5}*Some of these will even* profess a form of "religion" but deny the power of God to free them from their sinful desires. Turn away from such people. ^{3:6}For these are the kind of men who creep into *other men's* houses and take captive gullible women who are overwhelmed with sins, led away by various fleshly passions.

^{3:7}These men are always "learning" but are never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. ^{3:8}And just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses so these also oppose the truth. They are men whose minds are corrupted *and are, therefore,* rejected concerning the faith. ^{3:9}But they will not prevail [on the day of judgment]. For their foolish lack of under-

*This could easily refer to our present day plague of those who break the marriage covenant resulting in divorce.

standing will be exposed to everyone, just as theirs [Jannes and Jambres] also was.

^{3:10}But you have carefully followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, patience, ^{3:11}persecutions, and sufferings, *i.e.* the things which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, *and* at Lystra, including the afflictions which I endured. Yet *you have seen that* the Lord delivered me out of all of them. ^{3:12}In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in the Anointed One, Jesus, will be persecuted.

^{3:13}But evil men – specifically those who bring others under their spell – will just get worse and worse, *both* deceiving others and being deceived themselves.

^{3:14}But you should hold onto the things which you have learned and of which you have been assured, knowing from whom you have learned them. ^{3:15}And *continue in* the divine writings that you have known from childhood which are able to instruct you, resulting in more salvation through faith which is in the Anointed One, Jesus.

^{3:16}Every scripture, *when* breathed by God, is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction concerning righteousness ^{3:17}so that the man of God may be completely prepared for accomplishing every good work.

CHAPTER 4

^{4:1}I earnestly urge you in the sight of God and of the Anointed One, Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead at his appearing and *the establishing of his coming kingdom*: ^{4:2}preach the word, be urgent both when it is convenient and when it is inconvenient, reprove, rebuke, and exhort with all longsuffering and teaching!

^{4:3}For the time will come when they will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, will accumulate to themselves teachers who harmonize with their own carnal cravings. ^{4:4}They will turn away from hearing the truth and turn aside to fiction.

^{4:5}But you should be sober in all things. Endure hardship. Do the work of an evangelist. Fulfill your ministry.

^{4:6}For I am already being poured out *as an offering* and the time of my being released is near. ^{4:7}I have fought the good fight. I have finished the course. I have persevered in the faith. ^{4:8}Therefore, the crown of righteousness is reserved for me, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge will give me *as a recompense* on that day, and not only to me but also to all those who have loved his appearing.

^{4:9}Be diligent to come to me soon ^{4:10}for Demas has abandoned me, having loved this present world, and has gone to Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia; Titus to Dalmatia. ^{4:11}Only Luke is with me. Take Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for service *to others*. ^{4:12}But Tychicus I sent to Ephesus.

^{4:13}Bring with you the cloak that I left at Troas with Carpus when you come and the books, especially the parchments. ^{4:14}Alexander the coppersmith did many evil things against me. The Lord will recompense to him according to his works. ^{4:15}You, too, should beware of him, for he vehemently opposed our words.

^{4:16}At my first defense no one took my part but all forsook me. May it not be charged to their account. ^{4:17}But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and so that all the Gentiles could hear it. And I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

^{4:18}The Lord will deliver me from every evil work and will preserve me for his *coming* kingdom which is heavenly *in nature*; to whom is the glory for all eternity. Amen.

^{4:19}Greet Priscilla and Aquila and the household of Onesiphorus. ^{4:20}Erastus stayed at Corinth but Trophimus I left sick at Miletus. ^{4:21}Be diligent to come before winter. Eubulus greets you along with Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and all the brethren.

^{4:22}The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.