

2 Timothy Chapter 1 verses 1 to 10

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Epistle background: The apostle Paul wrote the second letter to Timothy his spiritual son who he had left in Ephesus to revive an unhealthy church around 68 AD. Paul was released from the Roman jail around 63 AD, and was arrested again around 68 AD after having been free for about five years. It is believed that Paul was arrested while he was still in Corinth.

This time Paul was sent to a Roman Dungeon, his only contact with the outside world was through an 18-inch hold in the ceiling in which he received everything that came in and out of the cell including this second letter to Timothy. Paul was beheaded in Rome around May or June 68 AD. This letter by the apostle Paul in an essence is viewed as his last will and testament associated with himself and his ministry.

Paul uses this letter to deliver to Timothy five exhortations to his spiritual son in the faith to continue to be steadfast and unwavering in his call and ministry. Paul had four purposes in writing this letter:

1. To exhort Timothy in his ministry at Ephesus.
2. To warn Timothy of trouble both inside and outside the church.
3. To Request Timothy to come and visit him in Rome and bring certain personal items.
4. To provide biblical instructions to all the churches in the same region as Ephesus.

Chapter 1 In this chapter the apostle Paul starts the letter with his customary greeting, he then thanks God for young Timothy, his call, and his faithfulness to his ministry. Paul mention Timothy's mother Eunice and his grandmother Lois, how they nurtured his call. Paul devotes time in this chapter to encouraging Timothy in the work and ministry in which he had been called.

Verse 1 – In this verse Paul starts this letter similar to other letters where he introduces himself as an apostle of Jesus Christ by the power of God and manifested by the promises and life of Jesus Christ.

Verse 2 – In this verse Paul greets the receiver of the letter Timothy in the faith as his dearly beloved son with grace, mercy and peace which can only come from God the Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Verse 3 – Paul states that he thanks God who he serves from the days of his ancestor with a clear conscience, and without stopping he continually mention Timothy in his prayers night and day.

Verse 4 – In this verse Paul expresses his desire to see young Timothy, as he is reminded of his sorrow and tears that they might be turned into joy.

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Verse 5 – Paul states that when he thinks about the strong faith that was in Timothy's mother Eunice and also in his grandmother Lois, Paul is convinced that the same strong faith is in Timothy as well.

Verse 6 - Paul reminds Timothy to exercise and make full use of the spiritual gifts that has been given him by God, and confirmed by the laying on of his hands and ordination.

Verse 7 – Paul reminds Timothy who is young and timid that God had not given them a spirit of fear but rather power, and love and a sound or disciplined mind.

Verse 8 – Paul tells Timothy not to be ashamed of the gospel that he preaches, nor of him who is in jail in a dungeon, because Paul considers his imprisonment to be the will of God. Paul tells Timothy to be a part of the suffering for the gospel as allowed by the power of God.

Verse 9 – This verse is a follow on from the prior verse where Paul states that the suffering and power that we experience come to us from the one who saved us and placed us in his ministry with a divine call. This divine call is not based on anything we have done, but rather by his will and undeserved favor toward us which was given to us by Jesus Christ before the foundation of the world.

- Romans 3:20

Verse 10 – Paul states that what is unfolding now is the result of the coming about of our Savior Jesus Christ whose appearance did away with death and ushered in eternal life through the gospel.

- Ephesians 1:9