

Advancing the Gospel of the Glory of the Blessed God
2 Timothy 1:1- 2:10

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 - B. But there is a promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus that accords with suffering and a trust in God, who richly provides everything we need for joy.
- II. Paul, as a loving father, encourages Timothy with reflection upon the blessing of his commissioning into gospel service. (vv2-7)
 - A. The blessing of holding onto the same message as those before us.
 - B. The blessing of the gift of boldness in carrying this message.
 - C. The blessing of the Holy Spirit to keep us from cowardice in carrying this message.
- III. Paul, as an authoritative Apostle and mentor, instructs Timothy in regard to the true nature of his commission. (vv8-Chp 2 v2)
 - A. That it consists of suffering together with Christ (vv8-14).
 - B. That it is enabled within him by union with Christ (vv8-14).
 - C. That it will necessarily impact his relationships (vv15-Chp 2 v2).
- IV. Paul, as a co-laborer in the gospel, coaches Timothy in how to embrace suffering (Chp 2 vv3-10)
 - A. Like a soldier who is focused on his mission, seeking to please his commander.
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