

2 Timothy 2:10-14
Our God Is Faithful

The Gospel is at work ...

- I. Enduring Everything
 - A. Purpose Driven

 - B. Perseverance

- II. Gospel Truth
 - A. Believers Blest

 - B. Deniers Denied

- III. Staying on Topic
 - A. God Does Not Change

 - B. Keep the Gospel Central

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Children ...

1. What are some things Paul suffered as He served the Lord as missionary and preacher?

2. What are the blessings mentioned in v. 11, 12?

3. If someone denies or rejects Jesus as Lord, how will He respond?

4. Does God change?

Grace & Justice

When the Gospel is presented, it makes an impact. The positive work is salvation. This is an act of mercy on the part of God and is based on the merits of Christ applied to the believer. Faith in the Lord alone for salvation is required as well. Attached to that is the death of the old man, buried with Christ as it were. (v. 11). Faith and perseverance are inseparable. Faith is to be active and alive, not just a one-time belief event. The blessing that comes with dying in Christ is life, the blessing that comes with endurance reigning with Him as heirs of His Kingdom. (v 12a). In contrast, those who consistently display a lack of faith through words and/or actions effectively deny Christ, and the consequences of that are devastating. Paul is not making stuff up (he never does) for the sake of encouragement or warning, he is simply stating the truth revealed by the unchanging God. In fact, his statements reflect the very meaning of Jesus' own words.

Everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will
acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven,
but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my
Father who is in heaven. Matthew
Matthew 10:32-33