

GOSPEL CONFIDENCE IN THE FACE OF DEATH (2 Timothy 1:8-12)

I. INTRODUCTION TO 2 TIMOTHY (1:1-5)

II. FAITHFULNESS AMIDST AFFLICTION (1:6–2:13)

A. Reminders for a Sound Mind in an Insane World (1:6-7)

B. Gospel Confidence in the Face of Death (1:8-12)

1. Based on our God-given gift/s and spirit as believers, we are called to be _____ of the _____ (*martyrion*) of Christ or His _____. (v. 8a)

- *How should we look at our trials and afflictions?*

2. As believers, we are also called to _____ in _____ for the gospel according to _____. (v. 8b)

- *Why is suffering associated with the gospel?*

3. Looking backward, remember that God has had a _____ for you from eternity past. (v. 9)

- *Is our salvation certain or still contingent?*
- *What does the expression mean “with a holy calling” (NKJV, NASB) or “to a holy life” (NIV)?*
- *To what were we called as believers?*
- *What was the twofold basis for our salvation and calling?*
- *Was our salvation determined by God's will, our will, or both?*
- *When did God give this saving grace to you & what does this mean for you?*

4. In the present age, Our eternal salvation _____ through the appearing (*epiphania*) of our Savior Jesus Christ. (v. 10)

- *What has Jesus Christ done regarding death?*
- *What means is God using in the present age to enlighten the world?*
- *What does this imply about the focus of God's purpose in the present age?*

5. Paul was appointed by God to be a _____ (*keryx*), an _____ (*apostolos*), and a _____ (*didaskalos*) of the gospel to the Gentiles. (v. 11)

- *Do you also have a special appointment as a believer?*

6. Paul was not ashamed of the gospel and was _____ of his salvation because he knew _____ to whom he had entrusted his eternal welfare. (v. 12)

- *What does this verse teach about the value of faith vs. the object of faith?*
- *Did Paul's salvation depend on his faithfulness/perseverance or his past, initial faith?*
- *What does this verse teach us about perseverance vs. preservation/eternal security?*
- *On what is your confidence based for eternal life?*