

BEING UNASHAMED OF GOD'S MESSAGE & MESSENGERS (2 Timothy 1:13-18)

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)

C. Being Unashamed of God's Message (1:13-14)

- *What are some of Satan's wiles (2 Cor. 2:11) or devices (Eph. 6:11) he seeks to use against us?*

1. One key theme early in 2 Timothy is being _____ as a believer. (1:8, 12, 16; 2:15)

- *Why would Paul need to exhort Timothy (and us) regarding this?*
- *Why should we be unashamed of Jesus Christ? (Heb. 2:9-11; Rom. 1:15-16; 2 Tim. 1:8-12)*

2. Regarding God's message and pattern of sound words, we must _____ faithfully to it. (v. 13a; 2:2)

- *What is this "pattern of sound words" Timothy heard from Paul? (1:8-12; 3:10; 1 Tim. 6:1-3)*
- *Why is this especially needed for elders/overseers/pastors? (Titus 1:5-10; 2 Tim. 2:14-21; 4:1-5)*

3. As believers, it is not only necessary *what* we hold to (i.e., God's truth) but _____ we hold to it, with _____ and _____ in Christ Jesus. (v. 13b)

- *Why does God care about our means (Heb. 11:6), motives (Eph. 4:15), and relationship (2 Tim. 1:1, 9, 13; 2:1, 10; 3:12, 15) in holding to His truth?*

4. As believers, we are called to _____ the sacred deposit of God's truth passed on to us. (v. 14)

- *What is the means to fulfill this? (v. 14b; Luke 22:54-62; Acts 2:14-40; Gal. 5:16)*

D. Being Unashamed of God's Messenger (1:15-18)

1. Negatively, none of the believers from Asia Minor, including Phygellus and Hermogenes, came to Rome to _____ on behalf of Paul at his first _____. (v. 15; 4:16)

- *Why might they have done this?*
- *What was Paul's response toward them?*

2. Positively, one believer named Onesiphorus from Ephesus in Asia Minor was _____ and _____ to Paul in prison. (vv. 16-18)

- *Why was this likely an example of extraordinary courage and faith?*
- *What are some other biblical examples of this courageous faith?*
- *Who else was Onesiphorus like? (v. 17 cf. Luke 19:10; Phi. 2:3-5)*
- *What effect did Onesiphorus have on Paul?*
- *What did Paul wish/expect for Onesiphorus in "that Day" (4:8)?*