

# Paul's Second Letter to Timothy



## 2 Timothy — Chapter 4

1 I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: 2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, 4 and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside

### A SOLEMN CHARGE...

- What does it mean to “charge” someone with something?
  - What’s the significance of “in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus...judge...His appearing...”?
  - How solemn a charge is this?
- What is Timothy to preach?
  - Anything else?
  - When is he to preach it?
  - What is included in this preaching of the word?
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- What was going to happen that caused Paul to emphasize this?
  - Why do people choose to reject sound doctrine?
  - What sorts of teachers / preachers are people often inclined to hear?
  - Do people do this today?

to myths. <sup>5</sup> But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

<sup>6</sup> For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come.

<sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; <sup>8</sup> in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

- In contrast to teachers that would say whatever their audiences wanted to hear, what does Paul charge Timothy to be and to do?

- Be \_\_\_\_\_ in all things (what does this mean?)
- Endure \_\_\_\_\_ (like what?)
- Do the work of an \_\_\_\_\_ (what do they do?)
- \_\_\_\_\_ your ministry

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#### ANTICIPATION OF A MARTYR'S END

- What is a drink offering? How is it done? What is the purpose?
  - What is Paul's point in referring to himself as a drink offering?
  - What is Paul anticipating, when he says the time for my departure has come?
- What does it mean when anyone is said to have fought a good fight?
  - So what did Paul mean when he said he had fought the good fight?
- What is meant by "finished the course"?
  - What would it mean if a person didn't finish the course?
- What does it mean to "have kept the faith"?
- What is the reward for fighting the good fight and finishing the course?
  - The Greek word is **στέφανος** (stephanos), the victor's crown.
  - Who receives such a crown?
  - Who awards the crown? Who is the Judge?

9 Make every effort to come to me soon; <sup>10</sup> for Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.

<sup>11</sup> Only Luke is with me. Pick up Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for service. <sup>12</sup> But Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. <sup>13</sup> When you come bring the cloak which I left at Troas with Carpus, and the books, especially the parchments.

<sup>14</sup> Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds.

<sup>15</sup> Be on guard against him yourself, for he vigorously opposed our teaching.

<sup>16</sup> At my first defense no one supported me, but all deserted me; may it not be counted against

- What does it mean to love Christ's appearing? Who wouldn't love it?

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**A PERSONAL APPEAL FOR ENCOURAGEMENT**

- Why is Paul wanting Timothy to come to him as soon as possible?
- Let's consider Paul's situation in his Roman prison. Note what had happened to the following men...
  - Demas \_\_\_\_\_
  - Crescens \_\_\_\_\_
  - Titus \_\_\_\_\_
  - Luke \_\_\_\_\_
    - What was Luke? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Tychicus \_\_\_\_\_
    - Tychicus is also mentioned in...
      - Ephesians 6:1 \_\_\_\_\_
      - Colossians 4:7 \_\_\_\_\_
- Who is the Mark that Paul wants Timothy to pick up?
  - That may mean that Mark is where?
- Why do you suppose that Paul had left so many valuables in Troas?
  - What's a cloak?
  - What is parchment? How is this different from the scrolls (books)?

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**ENEMIES TO BEWARE OF...**

- Is Alexander the coppersmith mentioned anywhere else in Scripture?
  - What sort of harm is Paul probably talking about?
  - How was Paul comforting himself regarding the harm he had been done?
- How does the Christian obligation to forgive and this passage from Paul saying 1) God will repay and 2) "be on guard against him yourself" harmonize?

them. <sup>17</sup> But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that through me the proclamation might be fully accomplished, and that all the Gentiles might hear; and I was rescued out of the lion's mouth. <sup>18</sup> The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed, and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom; to Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>19</sup> Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. <sup>20</sup> Erastus remained at Corinth, but



Erastus inscription

Trophimus I left sick at Miletus. <sup>21</sup> Make every effort to come before winter.

Eubulus greets you, also Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brethren.

<sup>22</sup> The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

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#### PAUL'S LEGAL SITUATION

- How much support did Paul get at his first court hearing in Rome?
  - What might Paul have been expecting?
  - Why is Paul so forgiving of non-supporters than of Alexander the coppersmith?
  - "But the \_\_\_\_\_ stood with me and \_\_\_\_\_ me"
    - What should this teach us, when we feel like we're standing alone?
    - What was Paul on trial for? So what would he say in his defense, what would his defense be?
    - What was the potential punishment that Paul faced at his first hearing? Who did Paul give credit for not being given to the lion's mouth?
    - What is the final rescue that the Lord would ultimately give Paul?

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#### GREETINGS TO SOME AND REPORTS ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF OTHERS

- Where are Prisca, Aquila, and Onesiphorus? Where is Timothy?
  - Who are Prisca and Aquila? How did Paul know them?
  - Where have we heard of Onesiphorus before? (2 Tim. 1:18)
- What happened to ...
  - Who is Erastus? (Acts 19:22 / Romans 16:23)
  - Who is Trophimus? (Acts 20:4 and Acts 21:29)
- Why come before winter?
  - Eubulus, Pudens, Linus, and Claudia are apparently Roman Christians that Timothy would know, but who are otherwise unknown to us today.