

II TIMOTHY 1; November 19; Light Through the Gospel

ANALYSIS:

1. What did Timothy possess that first dwelt in his mother and grandmother? _____
2. When does this chapter say God saved and called sinners in Christ Jesus? _____
3. Although Paul was a prisoner, why was he not ashamed?

4. What did Paul command Timothy to hold fast? _____
5. Why did Paul have great affection for Onesiphorus and ask God to show him mercy? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

God's design for the preaching of the gospel is made plain in verses 9-10. By His power, God saves and calls sinners. He does this, based not on any of our works, but on his own purpose and grace. He shows grace because of who Jesus Christ is and what He did in bearing away our sins. His purpose was planned before the world began. He manifested or revealed this plan at the first appearing of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. This Saviour alone abolishes death and can speak spiritual life into a dead soul and give immortality (John 5:21-24). Note that it is "through the gospel" that life and immortality are brought "to light." The gospel message tells us the good news of what Jesus has accomplished for us. This gospel message does not save us. Only God by Himself saves us and calls us. The purpose of the gospel is to bring salvation "to light" so we can believe. This passage alone corrects the error of "gospel regeneration," which is the mistaken belief that God is limited and cannot save anyone unless that soul hears and believes the facts of the gospel.

Paul could write that "I know whom I have believed." Because of that knowledge, he could go on and express complete confidence and assurance that all would be well in the day of judgment. How much time, care and effort do you and I give to knowing the Lord? Can we do better today?!

HELP:

1. Unfeigned faith (v 5). [unfeigned means genuine, not making a pretense of].
2. Before the world began (v 9).
3. Paul knew, believed and was persuaded the Lord would keep him in the day of judgment (v 12).
4. The form of sound words (v 13).
5. Because he oft refreshed Paul, he was not ashamed of Paul's chain as a prisoner, he sought out Paul in Rome, and he had ministered to Paul in many things at Ephesus (vs 16-18).