

2 Timothy 1:9-12

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Intro

2 Tim 1:8 gives two commands

Be not ashamed

Be a partaker of the afflictions associated with the gospel

2 Tim 1:9-10 gives the reason or motivation for those commands

Background

In Pauline writing "Lord" is reference to Jesus.

"Lord" means master

During the time of writing the Jews had disdain for Christ as "Lord" and Romans/Greek thought it was foolish to follow a crucified "Lord"

First Motivating Factor

God purposed to save before time and with concern for works

God purposing to save brings two results to the believer

1. Joy. Since we are wicked and unworthy the fact that he still chose to save us brings joy
2. Humility. We cannot look down on other sinners because we have nothing of ourselves to boast in
3. Shame finds its roots in pridefulness and since God's purpose to save apart from works brings humility -This motivating factor removes the temptation to be ashamed of gospel when the world thinks its foolishness

Second Motivating Factor

1. God is righteous and the guilty do not go unpunished (Prov 11:21, Exodus 34:7)
2. God's Grace appearing through Jesus addresses our guilt so that God can save
3. Grace defined
 - a. Acronym for Grace: God's Riches At Christ Expense
 - b. Grace seen in Christ
 - i. At the Garden (Matt 26)
 1. The beyond human emotional suffering of Christ exemplified by his sweating blood (Luke 22)
 2. The beyond human physical suffering of Christ as noted in the March 1986 Journal of American Medical Association
 - ii. The reason for the emotional suffering

1. God purposed to make his sin for us (1 Corinthians 5:21)
 - iii. The result of his suffering
 1. First born of the dead. Meaning more will follow (Colossians 1:18)
 2. Life, meaning the fullness of life all humanity desires for
 3. Immortality
4. Suffering comes with the Christian life and isn't limited to soul winning
 - a. Examples
 - i. Family rejections
 - ii. Ministry sacrifices
 - a. Suffering for Christ is a privilege

Conclusions

1. These two motivating factors made Paul unashamed and willing to suffer
2. These two motivating factors Paul shared to motivate Timothy to be unashamed and willing to suffer
3. These two motivating factors should have the same results for every believer

Questions

1. Do you view Jesus as your Lord (The Master whose will you subject yourself too)?

What does that look like in your life?

2. How are you tempted to be ashamed of the Lord Jesus?

How can you overcome those temptations?

3. In what ways does a believer suffer in their service to their Lord Jesus?