# Paul’s Ministry and Letters

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**Execution by Nero**
# Second Timothy at a Glance

## The Man of God

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Ashamed of Paul?

- Paul’s first imprisonment: Acts 28:30-31
- Paul’s second imprisonment and death
- The humiliation of Paul
- The faith of Paul

Chapter 1 – outline

- Foundation for Christian ministry (1:1-7)
- Nature of Christian ministry (1:8-14)
- Onesiphorus’ example (1:15-18)
The Foundation (1:1-7)

- Apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God
- According to the promise of life in Christ Jesus
- Grace, mercy, peace from God . . .
- Human circumstance – Divine reality
Thanksgiving

- A clear conscience – no need to feel shame
- Timothy’s sincere faith
- The gift of God in Timothy
- Power, love, sound mind/discipline
The Foundation of Ministry

- Sovereign will of God in minister’s life
- The promise of life in Christ Jesus
- Faith of our fathers
- Kindle afresh the gift of God – light the fire
- The spirit of power, love and a sound mind
- Not situational religion
The Nature of Christian Ministry

- Do not be ashamed (1:8-12)
- Hold fast sound words (1:13)
- Guard the treasure entrusted to you (1:14)
1. Do Not Be Ashamed! (1:8)

- . . . of the testimony of our Lord
- The offense of Christ – Rom. 9:33
- The offense of the cross – Gal 6:12
- The foolishness of God – 1 Cor 1:25
1. Do Not Be Ashamed! (1:8)

- . . . of Paul, His prisoner
- Not many wise – 1 Cor 1:26-30
- The weak and despised things
No shame!

▷ Join with Paul in suffering for the Gospel
  • According to His power
  • Glory in weakness – 2 Cor 12:9

▷ A holy calling
  • According to His purpose and grace in Christ Jesus
  • Not according to our works

▷ Preach and teach the Gospel
  • The incarnation – appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus
  • He abolished death and brought life
Paul is not ashamed (1:12)

- He suffers humiliation and death – unashamed
- “I know Whom I have believed”
- “I know He is able to keep what I have entrusted to Him until that day.”
1. Do Not Be Ashamed! (1:8)
2. Hold fast sound words! (1:13)
   ▶ The testimony of Paul
   ▶ In faith and love
   ▶ In Christ Jesus
1. Do Not Be Ashamed! (1:8)
2. Hold fast sound words! (1:13)
3. Guard the treasure (1:14)

- The treasure entrusted to you
  - The Word (Ps. 19:10)
  - Christ (1 Peter 2:7)
- Guard – protect
- Through the Holy Spirit Who dwells in you
Onesiphorus was not ashamed

- Eagerly searched for Paul
- Refreshed Paul
- May have died for his faith
The Promise of Life in Christ Jesus

- Do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner.
- Hold fast sound words.
- Guard through the Holy Spirit Who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you.