

# **Preaching and Practicing the Truth**

**Studies in 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus, 1, 2 and 3 John**

## **Study to be Approved of God**

**2 Timothy 2**

**Lesson 11**

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# Preaching and Practicing the Truth

## ▶ An essential Christian doctrine

- Titus 2:11-14 – zealous for good deeds
- Titus 2:15 – speak, exhort, reprove
- John 17:17 – sanctify in the truth – Your Word is Truth

## ▶ A duty for all believers

- Mark 16:15 – Go into all the world and preach the Gospel
- 1 Peter 1:15-16 – Be holy in all your behavior

# Do not be Ashamed

- ▶ The will of God and the promise of life in Christ Jesus
- ▶ Paul assured of Timothy's faith (1:1-7)
  - Wrote to exhort (1:6) and encourage (1:6) Timothy
- ▶ Paul's example – contemptible in the eyes of the world
  - A criminal (2:9) – a prisoner of Christ Jesus (1:8)
  - Not ashamed (2:12)
- ▶ The nature of the ministry – the offense of the cross
  - Do not be ashamed
  - Retain – manifest the life – truth and love in Christ Jesus
  - Guard the treasure entrusted to you
  - Example of Onesiphorus – ministered and not ashamed.

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- ▶ The call to the ministry (2:1-2)
- ▶ The character of the minister (2:3-13)
- ▶ The work of the ministry (2:14-26)

# **The Call to the Ministry (2:1-2)**

- ▶ Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus
- ▶ Entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also

# The Character of the Minister (2:3-7)

- ▶ Devoted to the Gospel
- ▶ A soldier (2:3-4)
- ▶ An athlete (2:5)
- ▶ A farmer (2:6)
- ▶ Consider (2:7)

# Remember Jesus Christ (2:8-10)

- ▶ Jesus Christ according to “my” Gospel
  - Risen from the dead
  - Descendant of David
- ▶ Paul’s Anchor
  - Suffering hardship as a criminal – no hindrance to the Gospel
  - Enduring for the sake of Christ’s elect

# A Trustworthy Statement (2:11-13)

- ▶ A statement of spiritual truth
  - If we died with Him, we will also live with Him
- ▶ Two statements of personal responsibility
  - If we endure, we will also reign with Him
  - If we deny Him, He also will deny us
- ▶ A statement of hope
  - If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for he cannot deny Himself
- ▶ Remember Jesus Christ



# The Work of the Ministry (2:14-19)

- ▶ Remind them of these things
  - Do not wrangle about words
  - Debating is useless and leads to ruin of hearers
  - Proclamation/preaching saves!
- ▶ Be diligent to be approved of God
  - Unashamed – of the message or the life of Christ
  - The means: rightly dividing the Word of Truth

# The Work of the Ministry (2:14-19)

- ▶ Avoid worldly and empty chatter
  - Spreads like gangrene – leads to ruin (2:14)
  - Examples: Hymenaeus and Philetus
  - Denied resurrection
  - They upset the faith of some
- ▶ The firm foundation
  - The Lord knows those who are His
  - Everyone who names the name of the Lord is to abstain from wickedness

# **A Large House (2:20-26)**

- ▶ The community of believers (2:20)
- ▶ Vessels of honor (2:21-23)
- ▶ Vessels of dishonor (2:24-26)

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- ▶ “My little children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you.” (Gal 4:19)
- ▶ “The Lord knows those who are His.” (2:19)
- ▶ “The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.” (4:22)