



**ALLEN TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH
SUNDAY SCHOOL LIVE!**

**“REMEMBERING JESUS CHRIST”
2 TIMOTHY 2:8-15**

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Lesson Objectives

By the end of the lesson, we will:

- **ARTICULATE** our Christian beliefs and values as reflected in 2 Timothy 2
- **REFLECT** on the reasons why we need to effectively communicate our beliefs and values
- **DEVELOP** a strategy to share the Gospel with others



Lesson Segments

- A Reminder of Whom We Serve (2 Timothy 2:8-10)
- A Reminder of the True Rewards of Serving (vv.11-13)
- A Reminder to Know What We Believe (vv.14-15)

From Precepts for Living

Overview

- First and Second Timothy and Titus are called the Pastoral Letters
- Themes –Pass on the Faith; Suffer for the Faith
- Written during 90-110 CE Domitian was the Emperor at the time
- Authorship: Paul
- Declarations: All scripture inspired by God (3:16) & Workman who rightly divides the truth (2:15)

Context

- Paul was imprisoned for what was believed to be the last time
- Timothy was much younger. Paul encouraged him not to be timid; not be ashamed; be strong; endure hard times; stay focused, and to boldly instruct others following him.
- A third generation letter- First generation is Lois, Timothy's grandmother; Second generation is Eunice, Timothy's mother and then we have Timothy, poised to pass on the precious faith legacy of his ancestors.

2 Timothy 2:8-13 – A Farewell Discourse

- A Farewell Discourse is an address given in the Bible by a prophetic leader to his/her follower at or close to their death, exhorting them regarding their conduct in the future, and prophesying what the future will involve.

There are eleven characteristics:

- (1) a summoning of followers,
- (2) announcement of the departure of the patriarch or prophet,
- (3) worship or prayer,,
- (4) exhortations to remain faithful,
- (5) revelations about the future,



Farewell Discourse Characteristics

- (6) warnings about false teachers,
 - (7) predictions of woes and controversies,
 - (8) words of comfort and promise,
 - (9) prayers and blessings for those left behind,
 - (10) appointment of a successor or successors, and
 - (11) a theological review of history
- Nowhere do all of these appear.

Source: E. Stauffer, *New Testament Theology*

2 Timothy 2:8-10

8 Always remember that Jesus Christ, a descendant of King David, was raised from the dead. This is the Good News I preach.

9 And because I preach this Good News, I am suffering and have been chained like a criminal. But the word of God cannot be chained.

10 So I am willing to endure anything if it will bring salvation and eternal glory in Christ Jesus to those God has chosen.

2 Timothy 2:11-13

11 This is a trustworthy saying: If we die with him, we will also live with him.


12 If we endure hardship, we will reign with him. If we deny him, he will deny us.

13 If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny who he is.



2 Timothy 2:14

14 Remind everyone about these things, and command them in God's presence to stop fighting over words. Such arguments are useless, and they can ruin those who hear them.

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- In the Greek text, we find these words:
 - Fighting over words – *logomachein*
 - Profane Chatter – *bebelos kenophonias*

To describe “talk that spreads like gangrene, stupid and senseless controversies that breed arguments. In the end it is sound and healthy teaching, comforting words, faithful words and words of truth” that is the solution to this problem.

Source: Dictionary of Biblical Imagery



2 Timothy 2:15

15 Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth.



Questions for Thought

- Why was it important for Paul to remind Timothy and others about ancestry and kingship of Jesus Christ (v.8)
- What does Paul mean when he said the Gospel is “not bound” (v.9)?
- Why is it important to know what we believe?
- What role does worship play in expressing our faith?

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