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## **Overview**

of

# Paul's Gospel

in

# 2 Timothy

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### Overview of Paul's Gospel in 2 Timothy.

**INTRODUCTION:** since some in the body of Christ believe a repentant sinner seeking God, must understand the Old and New Testament before they can be saved and water baptised. This study gives a brief overview of each of Paul's letters focusing upon the Gospel the Lord Jesus Christ gave to him on the road to Damascus, and in various visions to proclaim to the Gentiles, to discover if they contain enough information for a sinner seeking God to be saved.

**NOTE:** since some chapters containing Paul's letters are solely focused on rules for those in Christ to live by, and various teachings, but have nothing directly concerning Paul's Gospel, they have been skipped.

### 2 TIMOTHY 1

❖ Paul's Gospel proclaims, the promise of life is in the Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Tim. 1:1). Before time began God planned and purposed in His eternal mind that we would be saved by His grace in the Lord Jesus Christ, and not by our works. This plan of salvation was manifested through the appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel, that Paul was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher to proclaim (2 Tim. 1:1, 11), for it is the power of God for salvation. (2 Tim. 1:8-10).

### 2 TIMOTHY 2

❖ Salvation with eternal glory is obtained in the Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Timothy 2:10).

Paul's Gospel proclaims, if we have died with Jesus, we will also live with him. (2 Tim. 2:11). This refers to the death that occurs in water baptism (Rom. 6:3-5). When a repentant sinner is baptized into Christ, they are identified with Jesus' death, and identified with with him as Christ, meaning as though they had literally died with him, and having by faith died with Christ are counted as being dead to the law of Moses, because death sets everyone free from the law. Jesus has paid (through his death) the penalty of sin, and set the redeemed in Christ free from the legal power of the law to condemn them to mortal and eternal death (2 Timothy 2:11).

If we endure persecution, hatred, opposition hardships and even death, we will reign with Jesus and partake of the glory of Christ in eternity, likewise, if we deny Jesus, he will deny us: (2 Tim. 2:12). Jesus said the same thing (Matt. 10:33), the denial in focus here is a deliberate conscious final choice of denial and turning away from the Lord, for the things of the world. If we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself: (2 Tim. 2:13), following are four common ways the words, "if we are faithless, he remains faithful," are interpreted:

 The faithlessness does not refer to a failure in belief, but a complete lack of faithfulness in living a godly lifestyle, those who hold this view believe that even for Christians living an ungodly lifestyle there remains hope. Though it is true as we continue to daily wrestle with the effects of sin that remains in our flesh God's grace covers us, however, the idea that saving faith exists where there is no godly lifestyle at all, is better viewed as theological speculation, that provides soothing, comfort for faithless Christians who have left their first love.

- 2. The words, "if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself," carry the idea the Lord knows those who belong to Him, and will remain faithful to them, regardless of those who confess to believe in Him, but consciously and deliberately live an ungodly lifestyle and turn away from Him. In the same way that many of God's chosen people Israel were unfaithful and turned from God, He remained faithful to those who remained faithful to Him (i.e., the faithful remnant).
- 3. It refers to true believers who love Christ, but whose faith at times is very weak for various reasons (i.e., death of a child or sudden death of a loved one, bankruptcy, serious illness, pastors who have let them down, and such like things), and because of these things struggle to believe the truth God loves them, and that they are saved by His grace in Christ and counted righteous. The idea is; Christ understands our hardships and struggles and despite them remains faithful to all his, promises to bring us to glory.

**He cannot deny himself:** (2 Timothy 2:13), means Jesus cannot act contrary to his word, his nature, and the perfections of his character, for should he do so he would be denying of himself, which he cannot do, which means his faithfulness will never fail. (2 Timothy 2:13). Paul's Gospel proclaims, the Lord knows those who are his, everyone who names the name of the Lord is called to depart from iniquity," and within the House of God (i.e., the global church of Christ) there are honorable believers useful to Lord for every good work, and dishonorable believers. (2 Tim. 2:19-21).

### 2 TIMOTHY 3

❖ From childhood Timothy had been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make everyone wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus, for all Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that all believers may be complete, and equipped for every good work. (2 Tim. 3:15-16). The words, 'the sacred writings, which are able to make everyone wise for salvation,' do not refer to the entire Bible for there is no mention of the Old Testament in one and two Timothy, and the focus is salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **2 TIMOTHY 4**

❖ Paul was confident, the Lord Jesus Christ, the righteous judge, would award him, and all others who have loved the appearing of Jesus, finished the race, and kept the faith, with a crown of righteousness. (1 Tim. 4:7).

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