

Finding the Roots of the Gospel

2 Timothy 1 / May 28, 2022

Paul's Last Days of Ministry: 62-65 AD

- 1) Leaves prison in Rome after two years in 62 AD; Titus and Timothy are with Paul
Travels to Crete and leaves Titus to appoint elders
Acts 28
Titus 1:5
- 2) Travels to Miletus and leaves Trophimus who was sick
Travels to Ephesus and leaves Timothy to address false teachers
Travels to the city of Colosse to see Philemon
2 Timothy 4:20
I Timothy 1:3,4
Philemon 22
- 3) Travels to Troas with Carpus; leaves his cloak and books there
2 Timothy 4:13
- 4) Travels to Philippi and writes first letter to Timothy
Revisits Timothy in Ephesus?
I Timothy 1:3
I Timothy 3:14,15
- 5) Travels to Corinth where Erastus leaves
2 Timothy 4:20
- 6) Spends the winter in Nicopolis and writes Titus to join him there
Titus 3:12
- 7) Travels to Rome; Nero increases persecution of Christians in 64 AD
Arrested and placed in chains in prison; writes 2 Timothy
Dies by martyrdom in Rome by beheading under Nero's Reign in 65-67 AD
2 Timothy 1:1-3



Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,
To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. (1:1-2, ESV)

FINDING THE ROOTS OF TIMOTHY

1. His Spiritual Mentor (1:3-4)

I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as **I remember** you constantly in my prayers night and day. As **I remember** your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy.

Romans:

Timothy, my fellow worker, greets you; so do Lucius and Jason and Sosipater, my kinsmen. (Romans 16:21)

Corinthians:

That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church. (I Corinthians 4:17)

When Timothy comes, see that you put him at ease among you, for he is doing the work of the Lord, as I am. So let no one despise him. Help him on his way in peace, that he may return to me, for I am expecting him with the brothers. (I Corinthians 16:10-11)

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the church of God that is at Corinth, with all the saints who are in the whole of Achaia: (2 Corinthians 1:1)

Philippians:

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons: (Philippians 1:1)

I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you. For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel. I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me, and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also. (Philippians 2:19-24)

Colossians:

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: (Colossians 1:1-2)

Thessalonians:

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: (I Thessalonians 1:1)

Therefore when we could bear it no longer, we were willing to be left behind at Athens alone, and we sent Timothy, our brother and God's coworker in the gospel of Christ, to establish and exhort you in your faith, (I Thessalonians 3:1-2)

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: (2 Thess 1:1)

Philemon

Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker (Philemon 1)

2. His Parental Influence (1:5)

I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.

Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek. He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium. (Acts 16:1-2)

3. His God-Given Spiritual Gifts (1:6-7)

For this reason **I remind** you to **fan into flame** the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power (*dynamite*) and love (*agape*) and self-control (*discipline of self*).

4. His Suffering for the Gospel (1:8)

Therefore do not be ashamed of the 1) testimony about our Lord, 2) nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering (*bear evil treatment along with*) for the gospel by the power of God,

I appeal to you, brothers, bear with my word of exhortation, for I have written to you briefly. You should know that our brother Timothy has been released, with whom I shall see you if he comes soon. (Hebrews 13:22-23, ESV)

FINDING THE ROOTS OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS

1. The Character of the Gospel 1:9a

who saved us and called us to a holy calling,

2. The Source of the Gospel 1:9b

not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,

3. The Foundation of the Gospel 1:10

and which now has been manifested through the appearing (*epiphany*) of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

FINDING THE ROOTS OF PAUL

1. He Communicates the Gospel 1:11

for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher,

2. He Suffers for the Gospel 1:12a

which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed,

- Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. (Acts 9:8-9, ESV)
- But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. 16 For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” (Acts 9:15-16, ESV)
- When many days had passed, the Jews plotted to kill him, but their plot became known to Saul. They were watching the gates day and night in order to kill him, but his disciples took him by night and let him down through an opening in the wall, lowering him in a basket. (Acts 9:23-25, ESV)
- But whatever anyone else dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I. Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death.

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| 1. Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. | 11. danger in the wilderness, |
| 2. Three times I was beaten with rods. | 12. danger at sea, |
| 3. Once I was stoned. | 13. danger from false brothers; |
| 4. Three times I was shipwrecked; | 14. in toil and hardship, |
| 5. a night and a day I was adrift at sea; | 15. through many a sleepless night, |
| 6. on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, | 16. in hunger and thirst, |
| 7. danger from robbers, | 17. often without food, |
| 8. danger from my own people, | 18. in cold and exposure. |
| 9. danger from Gentiles, | 19. And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. |
| 10. danger in the city, | (2 Corinthians 21b-33, ESV) |

- When two years had elapsed, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus. And desiring to do the Jews a favor, Felix left Paul in prison. (Acts 24:27, ESV)
- He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance. (Acts 28:30-31, ESV)

3. **He Guards the Gospel** 1:12b-18

and I am convinced that he is able to **guard** until that day what has been entrusted to me.

Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, **guard** the good deposit entrusted to you.

You are aware that all who are in Asia turned away from me, among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes.

May the Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains, but when he arrived in Rome he searched for me earnestly and found me— may the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that day!—and you well know all the service he rendered at Ephesus.