

2 TIMOTHY: AN OVERVIEW & INTRODUCTION

(“MOTIVATION FOR A SPIRITUAL SON”)

I. The Setting For 2 Timothy

A. The Time/ Situation Paul Finds Himself In.

1. The time of this writing is about _____.
2. The place of this writing is from a _____ (1:8,16-17)
3. Where does this fit into early church history?
 - a. The Apostle Paul had been directed & enabled by the Holy Spirit to write ___ letters/epistles with ___ of them directed toward local churches and ___ of them to individuals.
 - b. These letters were written over a span of ___ years (48AD-68AD) from various _____.
 - c. It is helpful to realize the date of these writings in relationship to the books of _____ as well as Paul's _____.

B. The Occasion For These Letters

1. It was his imminent _____ (chp 4) & the concern of the great _____ (chp 3) that he sees on the horizon for the Church of Jesus Christ that he writes!
2. This letter was written when _____ of Christians was on the _____, this persecution came from Rome & Emperor _____ (37-68 AD) specifically.
3. False teaching was evidently increasing between the two letters of 1 & 2 Timothy, so Paul wrote these letters to Timothy to _____ him to be on_____. (1 Tim. 1:3-7; 6:20; 2 Tim. 2:16-19, 23; 3:8, 13)

C. The Purpose(s) For His Writing

1. Paul wrote to _____ his spiritual son Timothy!
2. Paul wrote to _____ other churches, as this letter, like Paul's other letters, were to be _____ and read!
3. Paul wrote because its words would be an encouragement for motivation to future _____ of believers to _____ in ministry!

II. The Salutation (1:1-2)

A. The Writer Identifies Himself as _____, the _____(v. 1)

1. Paul as an apostle, was personally _____ by Jesus Christ; thus this was the _____ of God the Father for him. (Gal. 1:1, 11-12, 15-16; 1 Tim. 1:1)

* Why would Paul mention his apostleship in such a personal letter to a close friend (Timothy)?

2. If there wasn't a “_____ of _____” from scripture to proclaim, there certainly wouldn't have been a _____ for an apostle or us to _____ it to the lost!
3. Paul knew that the time of his _____ was at hand, and so he wanted Timothy to _____ the truths of grace to other _____ men so as to _____ the very truths Paul had received, guarded, & taught. (2 Tim. 2:2, 15)

B. The Recipient(s) (v. 2a)

1. Timothy is referred to as Paul's “_____,” and this emphasized the relationship and affection that the apostle had for his young _____ of the faith. (1 Tim. 1:2)
2. While Timothy was faithful, dependable and sound in doctrine, his personality was such that he was _____, and it seems he was not as prone to take a firm _____ when needed. (1 Tim. 4:12-14; 6:20; 2 Tim. 1:6-8; 2:1-3)

C. The Greeting (v. 2b)

1. Paul's usual greeting of “*grace and peace*” has the added compassionate word “*mercy*” in the _____ Epistles; and this is because every _____ needs mercy from the Lord and from his people.

“*Grace*”-

“*Mercy*”-

“*Peace*”-

2. Christ Jesus is referred to no less than _____ times; how the apostle _____ to dwell on the most amazing _____ who held that name.

* How can you personally apply this truth today?