

THE JOY OF FOND REMEMBRANCE

(2 Timothy 1:3-5)

I. The Setting Of This Epistle

A. The Time/ Situation Paul Finds Himself In.

B. The Salutation (1:1-2)

1. The Writer
2. The Recipients
3. The Greeting
 - a. 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"-

- b. Amazingly Christ Jesus is referred to no less than __ times in two verses; indicating how the apostle _____ to dwell on the most amazing _____ who held that name.

II. The Apostle's Expression of Gratitude and Fond Memories of Timothy (1:3-5)

- A. In the original language (v3a) this reads, "...*thanks I have to God*;" thus all the _____ that follow flow out of his _____ concerning his "beloved son," Timothy.
- B. Paul states what he did in his service for God was done with a _____ before the Lord!
- What is the "conscience"? ... it is the inner faculty that _____ & _____ our thoughts and actions - our inward sense of _____ & _____! It can be a moral _____ in life!
- However, the conscience has been deeply _____ by man's fall into _____, so it is not fool proof as our guide or compass in life, but must be protected & cultivated if it is to function with any _____ so as to keep us of the rocky shoals of life! (Rom. 2:14-15)
- Our conscience needs the direction of _____ & the sensitivity of the _____, otherwise it is like a wheelbarrow... it will go in the direction we push it.
- Our conscience can be:
 - 1) _____ (1 Cor 8:4-7)

- 2) _____ (1 Cor 4:9-13)
- 3) _____ (1 Tim 4:1-4)
- 4) _____ (Titus 1 :15-16)
- 5) _____ (1 Tim 1:18-20; Acts 24:15-16; 1 Pt 3:15-16)
- 6) _____ (1 Tim 1:3)

C. When Paul embraced Jesus Christ he did not _____ the _____ of his ancestors, but instead he personally accepted the _____ of scripture, and became a “_____ Jew.” (v. 3c)

D. The end of verse 3 gives us a *description* of the Apostle’s own heart and private _____ life for his “beloved son” in the faith; he said he prayed for him “_____ and _____”. (v. 3d)

E. Paul’s tells us that _____ crossed his mind as he prayed:

1. He had a fond _____ of Timothy as a _____ in the faith (v 3d)
2. Paul had a longing _____ to _____ Timothy again, as he was reminded of Timothy’s _____... probably when Paul was arrested and taken away in chains (v 4)
3. Paul fondly remembered the _____ that Timothy possessed.

- What is “genuine faith” (anupokritos)?
- How did he know it was genuine?
- Paul was _____ that this genuine faith was now manifest in Timothy!

F. Paul states here that seeing Timothy again would fill him with _____.

- What have we seen today?