

Paul's Motivation and Encouragement to Timothy (2 Timothy 1:3-5)

- Paul in awful Mamertine prison in Rome, awaiting execution
- Paul's epistle, passionate & urgent appeal to his 'young son' in the faith
- Paul's concern, not for his life: progress of the Gospel & for Timothy
- Vs 1-5 is Paul's motivation vs 6- 4:22 Paul's instruction to Timothy

I. Introduction: Paul's concern for Timothy Permeates the Epistle

- Paul's concern Timothy may have been growing weary & getting weak
- Vs 7 "fear & timidity" – not of God, vs 8 "ashamed of Jesus & of Paul"
- Vs 13 "pattern of sound words" v.14 "good things committed to you"
- 2: 15 'rightly dividing the word' v.16 'profane & idle babblings'
- 2:22 'Flee youthful lusts' 3:1 'perilous times' 11 persecutions/afflictions
- 4:1 'I charge you' v.5 'be watchful in all things' – summary in 2:1

II. Paul Remembers God's Faithfulness & Prays for Timothy (1:3)

- Paul is thankful to God for his work in himself & in young Timothy
- "clear conscience" – served God in the Gospel – as his forefathers did

II. Paul Motivates Timothy to Remember God's Work in Him (1:4,5)

- Long to see Timothy, filled with joy. Paul's concern & love for him
- Timothy's tears: Acts 20:37? Fare well to Paul? Or vs 7 & 8?
- Paul believed God worked in Timothy he had "genuine faith"
- Remember the faith first held by his grandmother & then his mother
- Their faith, like Paul's & now Timothy – rooted in the true Gospel