



Rehoboth Reformed Church

Thoroughly Equipped Radio Program Outline

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Introduction: The last words of a godly man to his beloved son in the faith.

The main question that we will try to answer in this program is: Why should I read and thoroughly study an almost 2,000 year old letter (2 Timothy)? **Answer:** There are many answers to this question in this letter but we will concentrate our attention on two of the major reasons found in verses 16-17 of chapter 3.

I. Due to the relationship of the individuals involved (context).

- A. The Holy Spirit - the ultimate author and teacher ("*All Scripture is given by inspiration of God*").
- B. The Apostle Paul - the human author and teacher (one of the foundations of the church (Ephesians 2:20)).
- C. The original recipient Timothy (the evangelist or missionary pastor who was called to disciple the next generation (2 Tim 2:2)).
- D. The subsequent generations of disciples of the Holy Spirit, Paul and Timothy (including you and I).

II. Due to the stated purpose of "*all Scripture*" in 2 Timothy 3:16-17

- A. It is "*profitable*" (advantageous) for a right faith and a right life (cf. Matthew 28:18-20).
 1. *for doctrine* (teaching - i.e. the truth according to God's revelation),
 2. *for reproof* of wrong thinking or belief,
 3. *for correction* of wrong actions or life (i.e. repentance - cf. Ephesians 4:17-22)),
 4. and *for instruction in righteousness* (correct action or a holy life (cf. Ephesians 4:23-24)).
- B. That we may be men and women *of God* (disciples of Christ)
- C. That we "*may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*"

Conclusion: This second letter of the Apostle Paul to His beloved son Timothy (as well as the rest of Scripture) is exceedingly precious to every disciple of Christ. It has been given to develop our relationship with the Triune God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) as well as with His beloved people, the church.

For Further Study:

1. What are the other reasons for reading and thoroughly studying this letter to Timothy (hint: there are at least 2 reasons in verse 1 of chapter 1)? What are they?
2. What does the Apostle Paul mean when he stated that the Holy Scriptures are "*able to make you wise for salvation*" (2 Tim 3:15)?
3. What is the extent of "*all Scripture*" that the Apostle Paul mentions in verse 16?

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