

# 2 TIMOTHY 2 vs 1

Most scholars date this second letter of Paul to Timothy, around 3 – 5 years after his first letter. When Paul was in Rome, is uncertain; and when did Paul go to Tarragona Spain; and when did Paul go to preach in London, in the same place where the cathedral of St. Paul stands today; all is uncertain.



**<sup>1</sup> So you , my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.**

**<sup>2</sup> What you heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, commit to faithful men, who are also able to teach others.**

**<sup>3</sup> Share the hardships together, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.**

**<sup>4</sup> No one in active service gets entangled in the concerns of civilian life; that the commanding officer enlisting him might be pleased.**

**<sup>5</sup> And if anyone competes as a master athlete, he is not crowned, unless he competes lawfully.**

**<sup>6</sup> The farmer who labors should be first to get a share of the crops.**

**<sup>7</sup> Consider what I say; for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.**

**<sup>8</sup> Remember, Jesus Christ risen from the dead, of the lineage of David according to my good news: / and though it sounds arrogant to say “my gospel” remember the only book Paul had was the one he was guided to write; he never knew Augustin, or Martin Luther, John Calvin or anybody else.**

**<sup>9</sup> in which I suffer hardship, like a criminal in chains; but the word of God is not chained.**

**<sup>10</sup> This is why I endure for the sake of the elect, so they also obtain salvation which is in Christ Jesus -- with eternal glory.**

**<sup>11</sup> The saying is true: For if we died with Him, we will also live with Him:**

**<sup>12</sup> If we endure, we will also reign with Him:**

**if we deny Him, He also will deny us:**

**<sup>13</sup> If we are faithless, He remains faithful: He will not deny Himself.**

**<sup>14</sup> Remind them of these things, and charge them before the Lord do not fight about words, which is useless, and leads to the ruin of those who listen.**

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<sup>15</sup> Be diligent to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of **truth**.

<sup>16</sup> Avoid improper chatter: for it leads to more senselessness.

<sup>17</sup> And their teaching will spread like gangrene: Hymenaeus and Philetus are among them;

<sup>18</sup> who have departed from the **truth**, asserting the resurrection already took place; and ruined the faith of some.

<sup>19</sup> Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands firm, having this inscription:

**The Lord knows who are His.**

And let everyone who calls on the name of Christ, depart from wrongdoing.

<sup>20</sup> Now in a large house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of clay; some for honorable use, and others for dishonorable use.

<sup>21</sup> So if anyone cleans himself from anything dishonorable, he will be a special instrument, set apart, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.

<sup>22</sup> Flee from youthful strong desires: and pursue what is right: faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a clean heart.

<sup>23</sup> **But avoid foolish and ignorant questions**, knowing they cause quarrels.

<sup>24</sup> The servant of the Lord must not quarrel; but be kind to all, able to teach, and patient,

<sup>25</sup> instructing those who dispute with gentleness.

**Perhaps God will grant them to reconsider** and acknowledge the **truth**;

<sup>26</sup> that they may come to good sense and escape the trap of the devil, who were taken captive by **him** / the devil -- **to do His will** / now set free to finally do God's will; Dr Barns points out these two pronouns are different.

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