Sunday Morning in the Word



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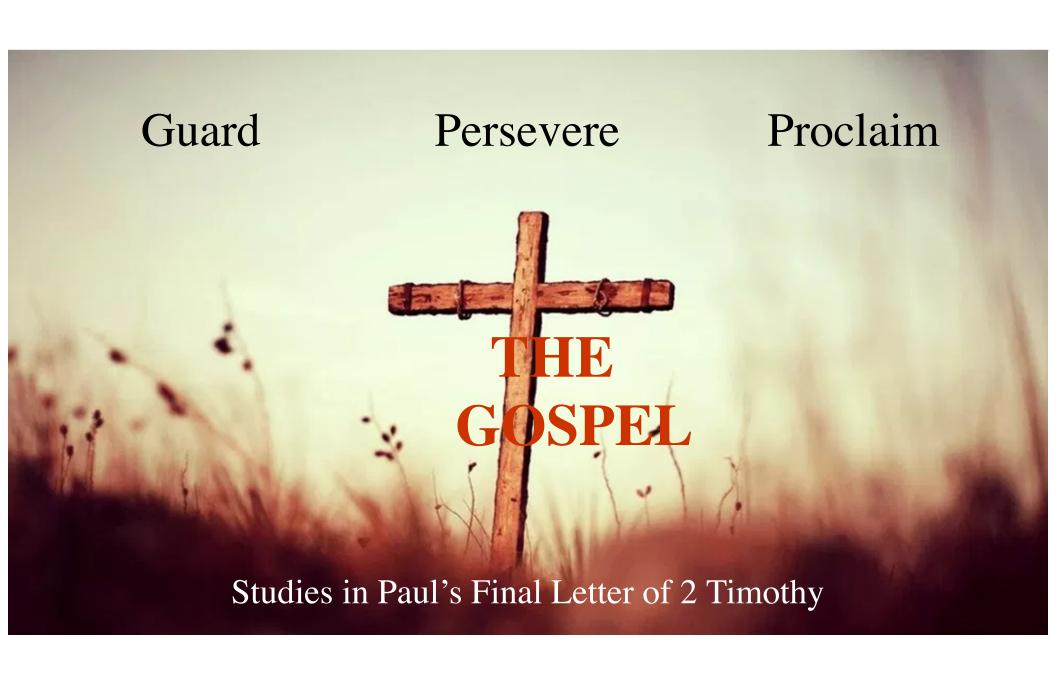
The instruction of the Lord is perfect, renewing one's life; the testimony of the Lord is trustworthy, making the inexperienced wise.

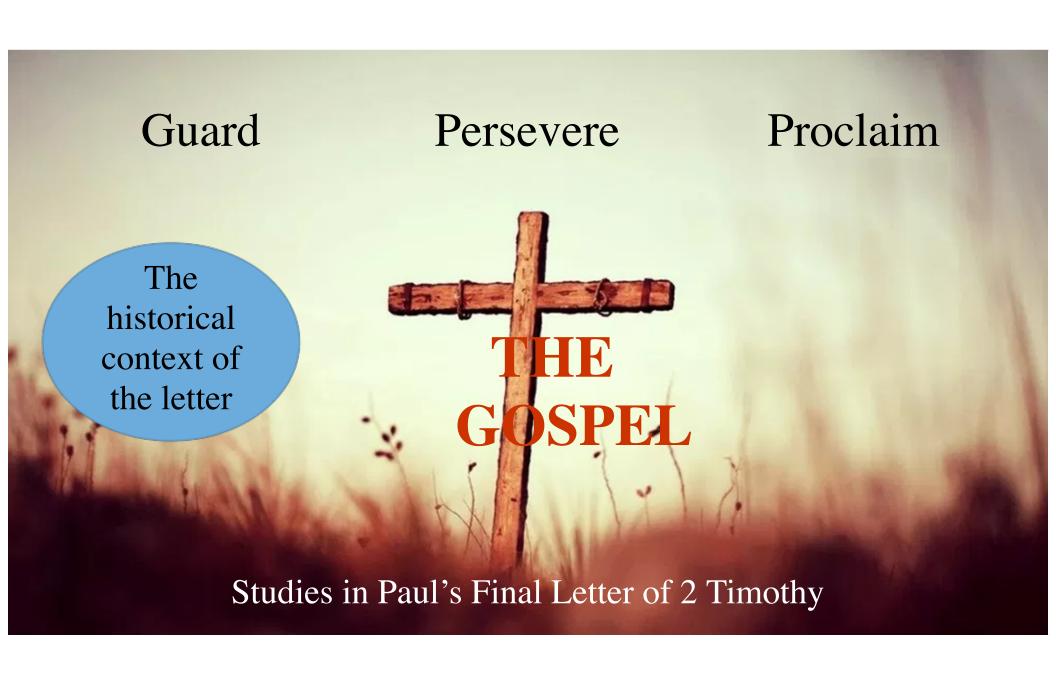
The precepts of the LORD are right, making the heart glad; the command of the LORD is radiant, making the eyes light up. The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are reliable and altogether righteous.

Psalm 19:7-9 CSB

They are more desirable than gold—than an abundance of pure gold; and sweeter than honey dripping from a honeycomb. In addition, your servant is warned by them, and in keeping them there is an abundant reward.

Psalm 19:10-11 CSF







2 Timothy: The Letter's Historical Context: The Writer

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's will, for the sake of the promise of life in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 1:1 CSB



The Apostle Paul



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Acts 13:9

But Saul—also called Paul . . .

Saul (Hebrew); Paul (Roman)



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Acts 13:9

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Paul = "small" or "little"



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Saul, however, was ravaging the church. He would enter house after house, drag off men and women, and put them in prison.

Acts 8:3

Now Saul was still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord. He went to the high priest and requested letters from him to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any men or women who belonged to the Way, he might bring them as prisoners to Jerusalem.

Acts 9:1–2

As he traveled and was nearing Damascus, a light from heaven suddenly flashed around him.

Acts 9:3

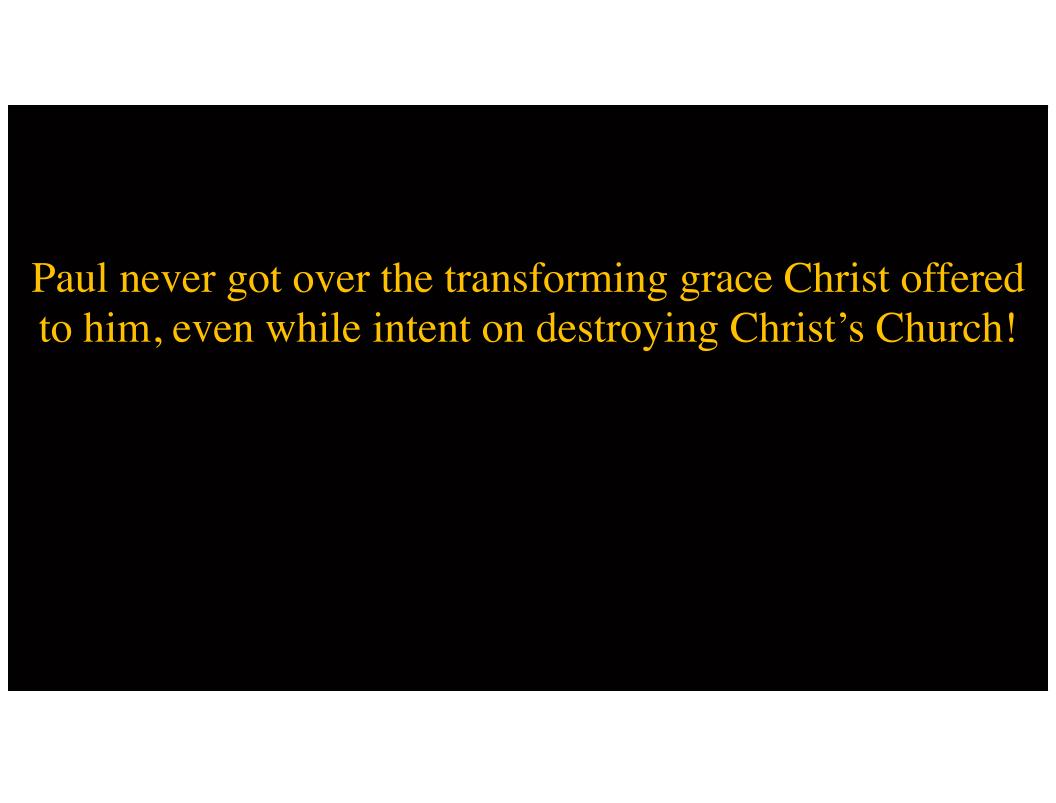
Falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" "Who are you, Lord?" Saul said. "I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting," he replied. "But get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

Acts 9:4–6

Paul the Relentless Persecutor of Christians becomes the Tireless Planter of Churches!

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come!

2 Corinthians 5:17



For you have heard about my former way of life in Judaism: I intensely persecuted God's church and tried to destroy it.

Galatians 1:13

For I am the least of the apostles, not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.

1 Corinthians 15:9–10

Paul a Tireless Planter of Churches

But Paul chose Silas and departed, after being commended by the brothers and sisters to the grace of the Lord. He traveled through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

Acts 15:40–41



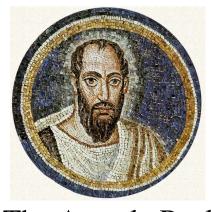


Five times I received the forty lashes minus one from the Jews. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I received a stoning. Three times I was shipwrecked. I have spent a night and a day in the open sea. On frequent journeys, I faced dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from my own people, dangers from Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers at sea, and dangers among false brothers; toil and hardship, many sleepless nights, hunger and thirst, often without food, cold, and without clothing. Not to mention other things, there is the daily pressure on me: my concern for all the churches.

2 Corinthians 11:24–28

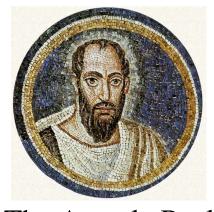


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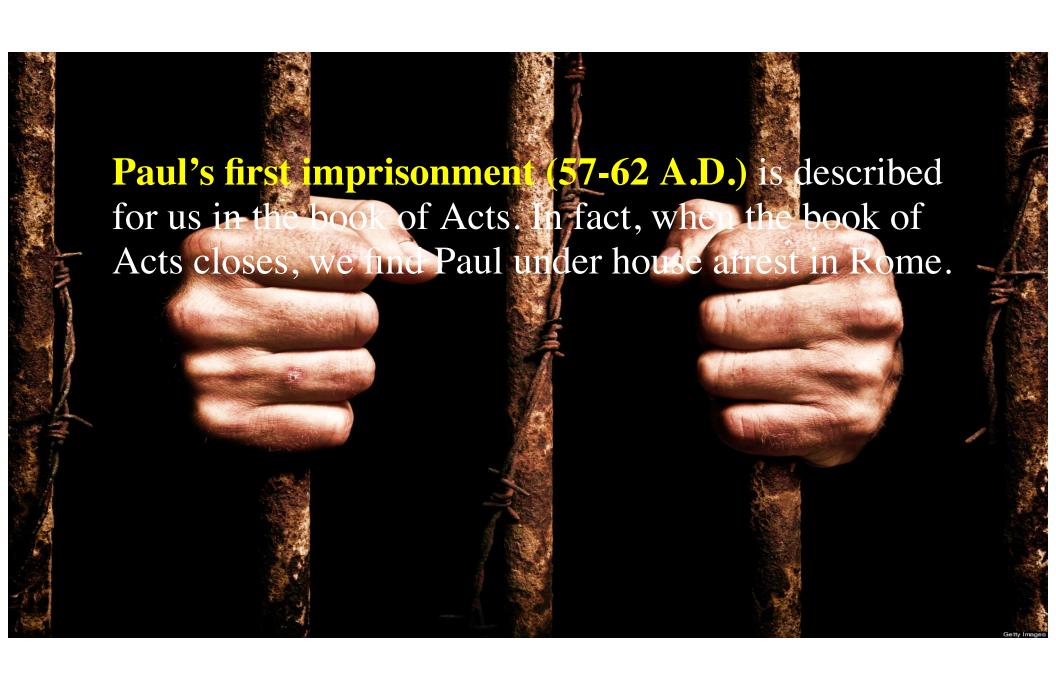
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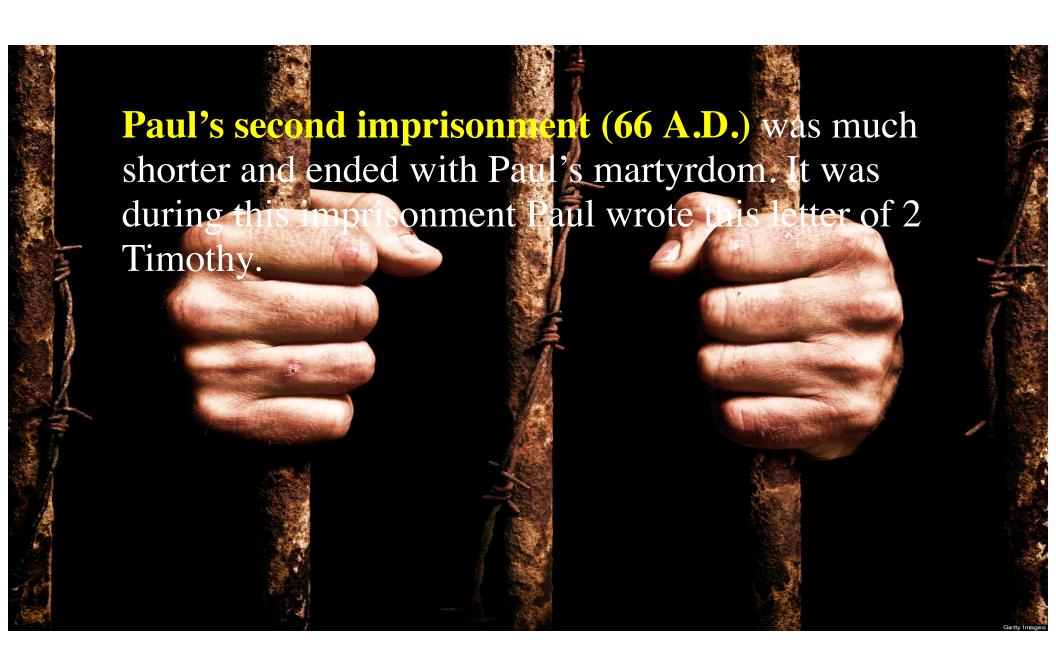
Paul a Fearless Prisoner of Caesar

Paul stayed two whole years in his own rented house. And he welcomed all who visited him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

Acts 28:30–31



It was during this time as a prisoner in Rome that Paul wrote the four New Testament letters known as the prison epistles (Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon).



To Timothy, my dearly loved son.

2 Timothy 1:2a

Paul went on to Derbe and Lystra, where there was a disciple named Timothy, the son of a believing Jewish woman, but his father was a Greek. The brothers and sisters at Lystra and Iconium spoke highly of him. Paul wanted Timothy to go with him; so he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, since they all knew that his father was a Greek.

Acts 16:1–3

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time for my departure is close.

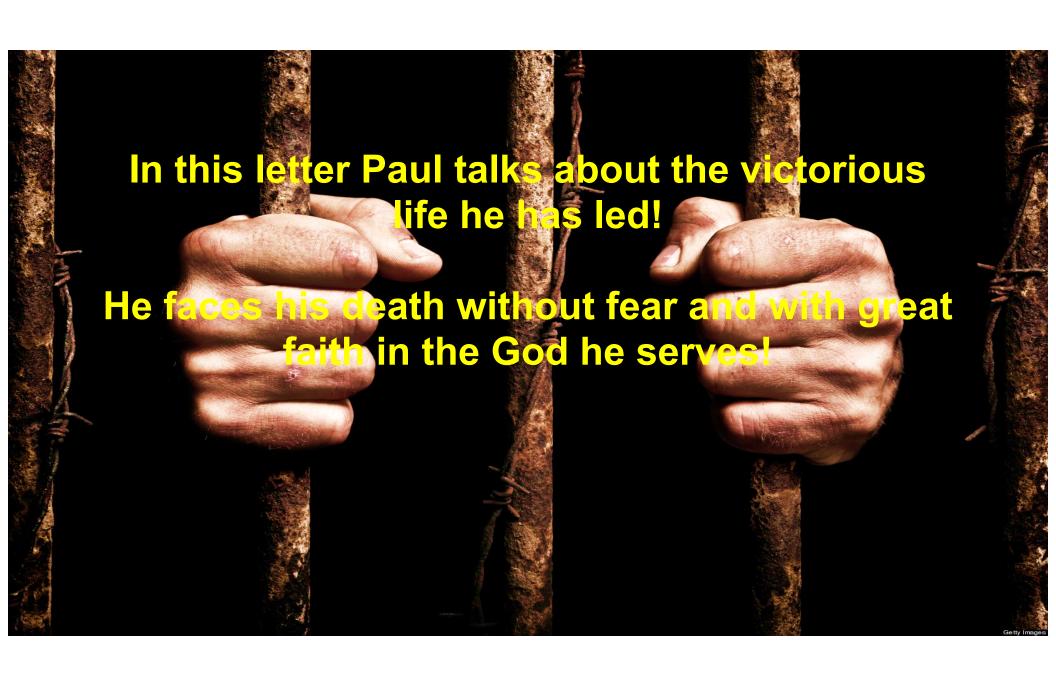
2 Timothy 4:6

Make every effort to come to me soon,

2 Timothy 4:9

Make every effort to come before winter.

2 Timothy 4:21



A Brief Overview of 2 Timothy

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In its four brief chapters, we have a beautiful picture of what discipling is all about as we view this aged veteran of the faith handing off the baton of leadership to the young pastor whom he loved.

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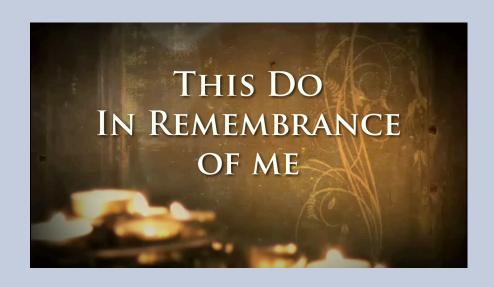
We must guard it! We must persevere in it! We must proclaim it!



Paul a Fearless Prisoner of Caesar

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, first to the Jew, and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, just as it is written: The righteous will live by faith.

Romans 1:15-16



The Communion of the Bread and Cup