

Study Notes for 2 Timothy 1 (Part 1) :1-12

[Note: Read verses 1 through 12 and open in prayer]

- What do you think it was like for the Apostle Paul to be in a Roman prison awaiting execution for his role in propagating the message of life in Jesus Christ?
- How much real persecution toward Christians do you think is happening today?
- Paul introduced himself as, “**an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God.**” Take time to read the account of his calling being confirmed in **Acts 13:1-3**. Why do you think it was important for Paul to be confident of his calling?
- In **verse 1** Paul refers to “**the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus.**” What does he mean by that?
- Since Paul called Timothy “**my beloved child**” (v2) what does that tell you about their relationship?
- In **verse 6** Paul encourages Timothy to “**fan into flame**” the gifting that God had bestowed upon him. What does it mean to fan a spiritual gift into flame?
- Why do you think Paul reminded Timothy about God not giving us a spirit of fear right after exhorting him to fan his gift into flame?
- Where then does a “spirit of fear” come from?
- How does a worldly spirit of fear potentially manifest itself in our lives?
- How can we stand against the temptation to give into a spirit of fear?
- What does **verse 9** have in common with **Ephesians 2:8-9B**? [Answer: They both remind us that we are NOT saved by good works.]
- In **verse 10** Paul mentions two things that Jesus accomplished? What are they?
- How can Paul say that Jesus “abolished death” when he was facing martyrdom at that very time?
- In **verse 12** Paul lists two reasons why he is not ashamed of suffering for his faith. What are they?
- Why is it important to know WHO you have believed?
- Paul was convinced (persuaded) that God would safeguard the deposit of life that he had been given. What can we do to be equally confident?