

Do Not Be Ashamed

2 Tim. 1:8-18

The Book of 2 Timothy

Theme: The Gospel calls us to identify openly with Jesus regardless of the cost.

Outline:

- I. The exhortation - Do not be ashamed / suffering (v. 8)
 - A. The object of our identification is the gospel (v. 8b). When you and I openly identify with the exclusive nature of the gospel, we will suffer.
 - B. The power of God enables the suffering. The suffering shows the power of God. Suffering is not a sign of weakness, but of strength. It isn't helpless, but hope filled. It isn't feeble, but effectual.
 - C. **The gospel is who not what.** Jesus is the power of God. He saves us and calls us (v. 9a).
 - D. The application of the gospel in the life of sinners is not according to their works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity (v. 9).
 - E. The application of the eternal gospel happens in time by the appearance of our Savior Christ Jesus (v. 10a).
 - F. Jesus [i.e. the gospel] abolishes death and bring life and immortality to light through the gospel (v. 10b).
 - G. The gospel has those who proclaim its message to the world (v. 11).
- II. The example - I am not ashamed / suffering (vv. 12-14)
 - A. **Do not be ashamed** of the gospel, but be willing to suffer *for* the gospel (v. 8).
 - B. **Retain** the standard of sound words that you have heard from me (v. 13). Again, the retaining is a kernel surrounded by the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.
 - C. **Guard** the treasure entrusted to you (v. 14). This appeal is based on or sourced in the indwelling Holy Spirit.
- III. The illustration - they were ashamed; he was not ashamed (vv. 15-18)
 - A. They were ashamed - Phygelus and Hermogenes (v. 15)
 - B. He was not ashamed - Onesiphorus (vv. 16-18)

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