

Guarding the Gospel

2 Tim. 2:1-13

The Book of 2 Timothy

Theme: There is a responsibility entrusted to us to stay faithful to the gospel for the sake of the elect.

Introduction:

BIG PICTURE:

- Our Obligation - An Unstoppable Grace (vv. 1-7)
- Our Motivation - An Unhindered Gospel (vv. 8-13)
- Our Separation - An Unashamed Worker (vv. 14-26)

Outline:

- I. Our Obligation - Pictures of faithfulness - An Unstoppable Grace (v. 1) - the earmarks of gospel ministers/ministry (vv. 1-7)
 - A. The Principle (vv. 1, 2);
 - B. The Picture
 - C. The Promise

The Picture	The Promise
A single-minded soldier	Please him who called you
A rule abiding athlete	Crowned
A hard working farmer	Share in the crop
If we endure	We will reign with him (v. 12 [i.e. Adam and Eve])

- II. Our Motivation - Principles for faithfulness (vv. 8-13) - An Unhindered Gospel (v. 9)
 - A. Remember Jesus Christ (v. 8)
 - B. Although we are bound, the word of God is not bound (v. 9).
 - C. Our suffering has significance in the salvation of the elect (v. 10)
 - D. If we endure, we will reign with him (v. 12)

“If/since” - the condition	“Then” - the consequence
<i>The Positive [confessors/believers]</i>	
¹¹ It is a trustworthy statement: For if we died with Him,	we will also live with Him;
¹² If we endure,	we will also reign with Him;
<i>The Negative [deniers/unbelievers]</i>	
If we deny Him,	He also will deny us;
¹³ If we are faithless,	He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.

Shepherding the Sheep [What is the Next Step?]

- To the believing: Jesus is the reward given to those who confess him.
- To the unbelieving: Only in Jesus does one find salvation leading to eternal glory (v. 10). Separation from Jesus is the judgment on those who deny him.

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