

2 Timothy 1:1-4

To Paul's Beloved Child

In the presence of Christ ...

I. The Abnormal Apostle

A. Paul's Background

B. And God Given Authority

II. His Adopted Son

A. Truly Grateful

B. For a Heartfelt Bond

III. And a Second Letter

A. The Occasion

B. And Central Focus

... guard the Gospel.

Children, Listen ...

1. What do you know about the Apostle Paul?
2. What very important task did Timothy have?
3. How do you think Paul and Timothy feel about each other?
4. Who does Paul say gives us the promise of life?

2nd Thoughts

I have decided to begin our series from 2 Timothy following just a brief break after completing 1 Timothy. I chose to do so firstly because it is God's Word that is always relevant and should be preached, but for some lesser reasons. Even though some of the content, and obviously the characters are similar and the same in the second letter, there is new material as well. They are also companion letters, so examining them end to end will give us a bigger picture of what was going on in the church that day, which will also help us to understand more fully how those things apply to the church and God's people today. Finally, I feel that if I don't preach part 2 now, I may never get to it. It was over 13 years ago that I preached through 1 Corinthians, but I never got to Paul's 2nd letter to the Corinthians; so, I have this nagging gap in my preaching brain that remains void! Perhaps I will get back to that important letter some day. Today we will begin our new series that will take us, Lord willing, through November. We won't get very far before we have a holiday break. We can anticipate returning to this letter to Paul's beloved child in the Lord, Timothy which has been preserved in the Bible for our instruction and edification, sometime in the New Year. May the Lord bless the reading and preaching of His Word as we move forward.