

2 Timothy 1:10-12 “I Know Whom I have Believed”

- The theme that runs through this vs. 8-18 is that of not being ashamed
- Timothy: don't be ashamed: the Lord's testimony & the Lord's prisoner

Heb 3:13; 1 Pet 2:23; Acts 5:41; 1 Cor 4:10-13; 2 Cor 12:10

- Paul says to Timothy: share in suffering with him in the power of God
 - And Paul then expounds in verse 9-10 on the glory of God
- 1) Power & ability to suffer in godly way: rooted in sovereign grace (8-9)
 - 2) Preexistent grace (9b) **This grace...given before the beginning of time**
 - 3) Paul speaks of visible grace (10) **“the appearing of our Lord & Savior”**

I. Paul, A Preacher of the Gospel (1:11)

- Mention of the gospel Paul speaks of his call to preach the good news
 - Paul's use of the personal pronoun “I”: God appointed him to the office
- 1) Preacher: stressed the boldness & openness of Paul's evangelistic work
 - 2) Apostle: Special commission /authoritative nature of his proclamation
 - 3) Teacher: to explain the faith with clarity for all believers
- Paul: I am not ashamed: slandered & maligned: Jews/ Gentiles. Why?

II. I Know Whom I Have Believed (1:12)

- “I know whom I have believed” Greek perfect tense: permanent trust
- “Persuaded” Paul stood convinced God's power would preserve him
- “able to keep what I have committed or deposited into Christ's care
- Paul committed/ deposited everything within a person – Jesus Christ