

My Send Off Sermon

(2 Tim 1:7-14)

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2Ti 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

A. God hath not given us the spirit of fear

1. We may feel a sense of fear of God because of our sins

Gen 3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and **Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God** amongst the trees of the garden.

Exo 20:18 And all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw *it*, **they removed, and stood afar off.**

Exo 20:19 And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but **let not God speak with us, lest we die.**

2. The understanding of God's forgiveness through Jesus' death relieves that fear

Heb 4:16 Let us therefore **come boldly unto the throne of grace**, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Heb 10:19 Having therefore, brethren, **boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus**,

3. Life has fears— But faith in God and knowing His love relieves those fears

Act 20:23 ...the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.

Act 20:24 But **none of these things move me**, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

Act 21:12 And when we heard these things, both we, and they of that place, besought him not to go up to Jerusalem.

Act 21:13 Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.

1Jn 4:18 There is no fear in love; but **perfect love casteth out fear...**

B. God gives us the spirit of power

Mat 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto me** in heaven and in earth.

Mat 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Mat 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

1Co 2:1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.

1Co 2:2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

1Co 2:3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.

1Co 2:4 And my speech and my preaching *was* not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but **in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:**

1Co 2:5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, **but in the power of God.**

C. God gives us the spirit of love

1Jn 3:16 Hereby perceive we the love *of God*, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down *our* lives for the brethren.

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a **living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.

D. God gives us the spirit of a sound mind

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but **be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind...**

Act 26:24 And as he thus spake for himself, Festus said with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad.

Act 26:25 But he said, I am not mad, most noble Festus; but **speak forth the words of truth and soberness.**

2Ti 1:8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;

A. Be not thou therefore ashamed

Act 5:41 And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.

Php 1:20 According to my earnest expectation and *my* hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but *that* with all boldness, as always, *so* now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether *it be* by life, or by death.

B. The gospel according to the power of God

Joh 14:6 ...I am the way...no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Act 4:12 ...none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Jon 2:9 ...Salvation *is* of the LORD.

2Ti 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

A. Hath saved us

Mat 1:21 ...thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Heb 9:12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us.*

Rev 1:5 ...Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

Isa 53:6 ...and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

2Co 5:18 ...God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ...

2Co 5:21 For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

Heb 10:14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

B. Called us with a holy calling

Joh 5:25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, **them he also called:** and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

C. Not according to our works

Eph 2:1 And you *hath he quickened,* who were dead in trespasses and sins;

Eph 2:9 **Not of works,** lest any man should boast.

Tit 3:5 **Not by works** of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

D. But according to His own purpose

Isa 46:9 ...*I am* God, and *there is* none else; *I am* God, and *there is* none like me,

Isa 46:10 ...*My* counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

Isa 46:11 ...*yea,* I have spoken *it,* I will also bring it to pass; **I have purposed it, I will also do it.**

Rom 9:11 (For *the children* being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that **the purpose of God according to election** might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)

Eph 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the **purpose** of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

E. And grace

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Eph 1:5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

Eph 1:6 **To the praise of the glory of his grace**, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

Eph 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, **according to the riches of his grace**;

Eph 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

Eph 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, **(by grace ye are saved)**;

F. Which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began

Joh 17:2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life **to as many as thou hast given him**.

Joh 17:9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but **for them which thou hast given me**; for they are thine.

Joh 6:39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of **all which he hath given me** I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

Joh 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

Joh 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand.

Joh 10:29 My Father, **which gave them me**, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand.

G. In Christ Jesus

1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so **in Christ** shall all be made alive.

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us **in him** before the foundation of the world...

1Co 1:30 But of him are ye **in Christ Jesus**...

2Co 5:21 For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God **in him**.

Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted **in the beloved**.

Eph 1:7 **In whom** we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins...

Rom 8:1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are **in Christ Jesus**...

Eph 1:10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things **in Christ**...

Eph 1:11 **In whom** also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will.

Eph 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with **all spiritual blessings** in heavenly *places in Christ*:

H. Before the world began

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him **before the foundation of the world**...

Rom 8:30 Moreover **whom he did predestinate**, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Act 15:18 Known unto God are all his works **from the beginning of the world**.

Tit 1:2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised **before the world began**;

2Ti 1:10 *But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:*

A. Jesus (and Jesus alone) has abolished death, and has brought life and immortality

B. The gospel 'enlightens' us as to what Jesus has already finished for us

1. The gospel is not the means by which sinners are saved to heaven
—The 'good news' is that Jesus has saved—does save—and will save us to heaven
2. The gospel brings to light that Jesus has done and will do all the saving
—The true gospel enlightens the sinner—so he may know he is going to heaven

C. The role of the preacher

Luk 1:77 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people...

Luk 1:79 To give light to them that sit in darkness and *in* the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

2Co 5:19 ...and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

D. The role of the gospel

Joh 8:31 ...If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed;

Joh 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

2Ti 1:11 Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

2Ti 1:12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

2Ti 1:13 Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

2Ti 1:14 That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.

A. Paul felt a sense of urgency in preaching the truth of the gospel

1Th 2:4 But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.

Gal 1:8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

B. It's all about giving God praise

It's not about being afraid of men

—It's about praising God

It's not about being ashamed of God

—It's about praising God

It's not about what's in it for the preacher

—It's about praising God

It's not about changing the truth to please men

—It's about praising God

It's not about getting men to heaven

—It's about praising God

It's not about saving souls that Jesus has already saved

—It's about praising God

It's not about calling sinners to eternal life whom Jesus has already called

—It's about praising God

It's about telling God's people that Jesus has saved—does save—and will save them

—So they will be all about praising God