

THE PASTORAL EPISTLES

I & II Timothy, Titus and Philemon

“God Speaks to His Church”

Paul’s Testimony: Unashamed of the Gospel
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Timeline for Paul, the Apostle

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| Conversion of Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9) | 32 AD |
| 1 st Missionary Journey (Acts 13-14) | 46-48 AD |
| 2 nd Missionary Journey (Acts 16-18:22) | 50-52 AD |
| 3 rd Missionary Journey (Acts 18:23-20) | 53-57 AD |
| Arrest in Jerusalem, Prison in Caesarea and 1 st Roman imprisonment (Acts 21-28) | 57-62 AD |
| Missionary travels | 63-65 AD |
| Nero burns part of Rome | 64 AD |
| Paul’s 2 nd Roman imprisonment and beheaded | 66-67 AD |

Main Point: Paul is passing the Gospel baton to Timothy who he calls to be unashamed of the Gospel.

I. Timothy must be unashamed of the Gospel (8-10)

- A. Call to boldly proclaim and suffer for the Gospel (8)
- B. Content of the Gospel (9-10)
 1. the WHAT
 2. the WHO
 3. the WHY
 4. the WHEN
(Election: the act of God before creation in which He chose whom He would save [Rom. 8:29-30; 9:11-13; 11:7; Eph. 1:4-6])
 5. the HOW
 6. the RESULTS

APPLICATION: Does God have you in HIS heart?

II. Paul was unashamed of the Gospel (11-14)

- A. Paul’s calling (11)
- B. Paul’s testimony (12)
 1. Willing to suffer
 2. Trusting the Savior
 3. Confident in God’s faithfulness
- C. Paul’s commands (13-14)
 1. Live out sound doctrine (13)
 2. Guard and communicate the truth of the Gospel (14)

APPLICATION: Who has God put on your heart to communicate the Gospel? How will you reach them?

III. Onesiphorus was unashamed of the Gospel (15-18)

- A. Heartache due to those ashamed of the Gospel (15)
- B. Refreshment due to one unashamed of the Gospel (16-18)

APPLICATION: How can you be a *refresher* instead of a *heartache* to your spiritual leaders?