

The Household of the Living God

Perseverance

“Unashamed”

2 Timothy 1:8-12

I. Unashamed of the testimony of our Lord (8)

⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord . . . but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God. ^{9b} not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began . . .

Paul expresses some particulars of the gospel that often bring criticism:

- 1) The gifts of God are granted to the undeserving
⁹ who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,

In the history of man's self-righteousness and desire to preserve some measure of independence, the true grace of God has not always been widely accepted and many have been criticized for it.

- 2) The gifts are by the power of God because of His purpose not because of our works, but because of his own purpose

II. Unashamed of fellow ministers (8b)

⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed . . . of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel
¹¹ I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹² which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me.

- 1) The minister may be a suffering outcast
- 2) The minister is appointed by God
- 3) The minister is not ashamed, and we should not be ashamed of them either

III. Unashamed of our gospel ministry (10)

⁹ [He] saved us and called us to a holy calling . . . ¹⁰ which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel . . . ^{12b} I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me.

- 1) Christ saved and called us to a holy calling

⁹ [He] saved us and called us to a holy calling . . . brought life and immortality to light

- 2) Christ is the manifestation of the good news

¹⁰ which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus

- 3) Christ is the resting place for true faith

I know whom I have believed

- 4) Christ is the yes and amen of all good promises

Conclusion:

Takeaway truth: _____

Christ Jesus: _____

As a disciple of Christ, I should: _____