

The Importance of the Death of Christ:

- *Christ's death is foretold in the OT:*
- *Christ's death is the chief purpose of the incarnation:*
- *Christ's death is fundamental to the gospel:*
- *Christ's death is essential to the Christian life:*
- *Christ's death is essential to our Salvation:*

The Significance of the Resurrection:

- *Christ's Resurrection Insures Our Resurrection:*
- *Christ's Resurrection Insures Our Justification:*
- *Christ's Resurrection Insures Our Resurrection Bodies:*
- *Christ's Resurrection Inspires Our Present Life:*

Live Shameless for the Gospel:

2 Timothy 1:8-14

- "Shame is a feeling which leads to action which hides witness" (Marshall, p. 703):
- Being a witness for Christ may lead to seemingly humiliating circumstances, but nevertheless it must be carried out bravely:
- "Ashamed" (1:8) *ἐπαισχύνομαι* "to be ashamed, embarrassed," takes the accusative of the person or thing:
- Therefore the verb has two objects – 1) The "testimony of the Lord" and 2) The "prisoner of the Lord":
 - Keeping God's sovereignty in proper perspective in the midst of present circumstances:
- Instead of being ashamed of them Timothy is to be strengthened by them (1:9-11; 1:12):

I. Be Steadfast (1:13-14)

- A. The Pattern (ὑποτύπωση) – Hold Fast (ἔχε) (1:13)*
- B. The Trust – Guard (φύλαξον) (1:14a)*
- C. The Means – The Holy Spirit (διὰ πνεύματος ἁγίου) (1:14b)*

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- Instead of being ashamed of the gospel Timothy is challenged not merely to proclaim it but to submit to what the proclamation may very well involve:
- Be a companion in suffering (συγκακοπάθησον)
- The challenge leads into a 'beautiful digression':

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- A. Be Strengthened by the Gospel (1:8-11)*
- 1. The Power of God (κατὰ δύνωμιν θεοῦ) (1:8b)**
- 2. The Power of God in Action (1:9-10)**
 - a) The Nature of God's Powerful Action (τοῦ αὐσαντος) (1:9a)*
 - "Healing, restoring to health;" in the NT especially of salvation from spiritual disease and death" (Abbott-Smith, p. 436):
 - b) The Purpose of God's Powerful Action (1:9b)*
- (1) The Effective Calling (καλέσαντος) (1:9a)**
 - In saving us He made us recipients of the effective gospel call:
- (2) The Holy Calling (κλήσεται ὑμεῖς) (1:9a)**
 - Not merely revealing the holiness of God, but a calling unto holiness of life:

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 - c) The Basis and Motive of God's Powerful Action (1:9b)*
- (1) His Own Purpose (ἰδὸν πρόθεσιν):**
 - God's Sovereign Purpose – a fixed and definite plan:
- (2) His Own Grace (καὶ χάριν):**
 - God's Sovereign Favor:

(2) His Own Grace (και χάρις):

- (a) *Grace is Something Given – Merited for Us not by Us (την δοθείσαν)*
- (b) *Grace Precedes Works – From all Eternity (πρὸ χρόνων αἰώνων)*
- (c) *Grace was Given in Christ (ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ)*
- (d) *Grace has Now Been Revealed – Given in Eternity Rendered Effective in Time (φανερωθείσαν δε νῦν) (1:10a)*
- (i) **The Means Through which it Was Revealed (διὰ τῆς ἐπιφανείας) (1:10a)**
- (ii) **The Result of the Appearing (1:10b)**
- 1) **Abolishing Death (καταργήσαντος):**
 - "utterly defeated, put out of commission, rendered ineffective" death:
 - From κατά causative ἀργός = ἄ ἐργός "to render inoperative," the majority of the time the term indicates "a destruction by means of a superior force coming in to replace the force previously in effect."
 - 2) **Bringing to Light Life and Immortality (ζωὴν και ἀθάσταν):**

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A. *Be Strengthened by the Gospel (1:9-11)*

B. *Be Strengthened by My Example (1:12)*

1. "I'm Not Ashamed" (ἐπαισχύνομαι)
2. "I Stand in the State of Knowledge" (οἶδα perfect active indicative)
3. "I Stand in the State of Trust" (πέπisteυκα perfect active indicative)
4. "I Stand in the State of Being Convinced" (πέπεισμαι perfect passive indicative)