



2 Timothy

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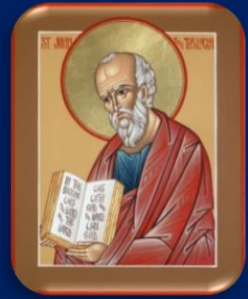
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2 Timothy 4

2 Timothy Introduction

The Call to Christian Perseverance

Answering Nine Questions



- 1) Who wrote it? – Paul
- 2) What do we know about the author? – An Apostle
- 3) To whom was it written? – Timothy
- 4) When was it written? – A.D. 67
- 5) Where was it written from? – Rome
- 6) Why was it written? – Timothy's timidity
- 7) What is it about? – Perseverance
- 8) What is inside (outline)? – 4 part outline
- 9) What makes the book different? – Paul's final word

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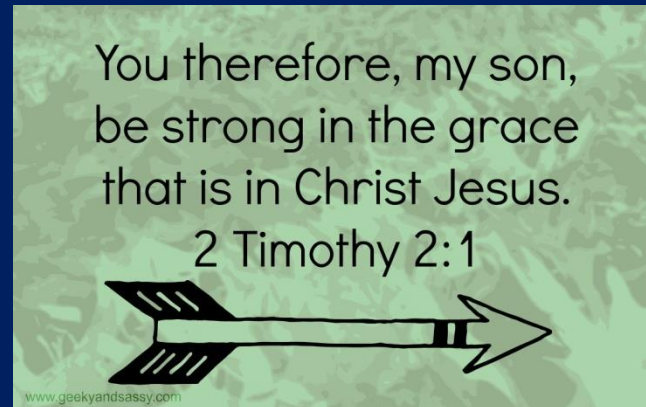
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2 Timothy 2

Ten Metaphors Illustrating Endurance

Key to Endurance (2 Tim 2:1)



- “Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus”



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- Soldier (2:3-4)
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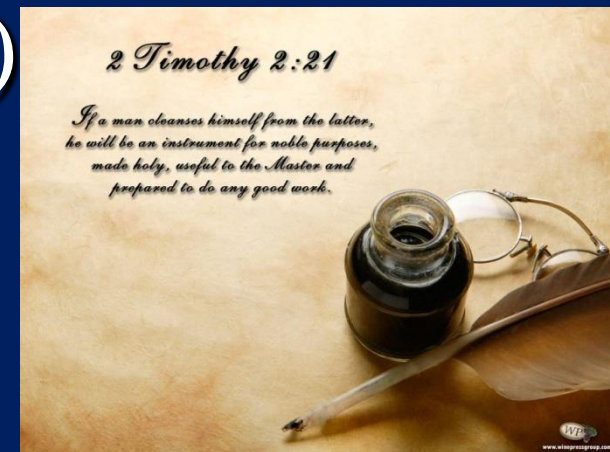
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2 Tim 2:2

- Teacher (2:2): four generations (from Paul to Timothy, from Timothy to faithful men, from faithful men to others)



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2 Tim 2:3-4

- Soldier (2:3-4)
 - ◆ Endures hardship
 - ◆ Un-entangled
 - ◆ Limited options



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2 Tim 2:5

- Athlete (2:5)

- ◆ 1 Cor. 9:25

- ◆ Must compete according to the rules



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2 Tim 2:6

■ Farmer (2:6)

◆ Diligence

◆ No immediate crop



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2 Tim 2:7-8

■ Christ (2:7-8)

- ◆ Ultimate example of endurance
- ◆ Heb. 12:2



Abrahamic Covenant



Unconditional covenant with a conditional blessing (Deut. 28; Lev. 26)

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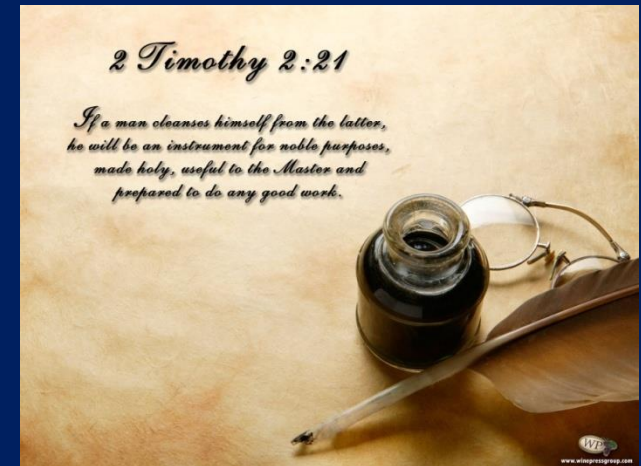


2 Tim 2:9-10

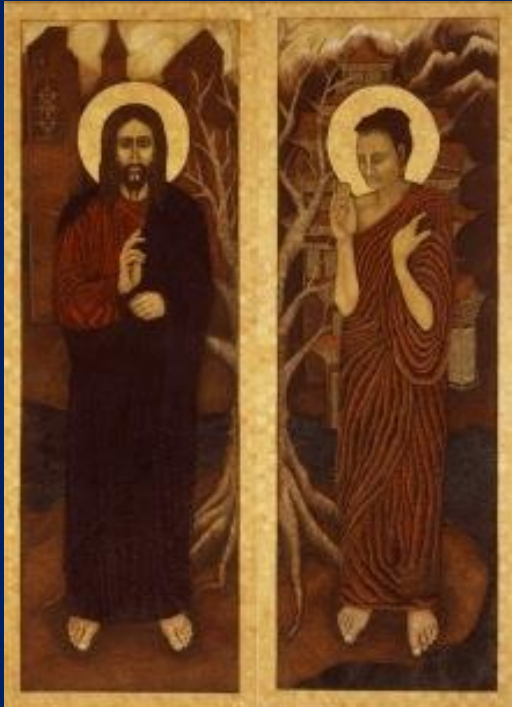
■ Paul (2:9-10)

◆ 2 Cor. 11:23-33

◆ For the sake of the elect



Emergent Missions: Alternative Religions



“I don’t believe making disciples must equal adherents to the Christian religion. It may be advisable in many (not all!) circumstances to help people become followers of Jesus and remain within their Buddhist, Hindu, or Jewish contexts” (Italics added).

Brian McLaren, *A Generous Orthodoxy*, 260.



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“*Evangelism or missions for me is no longer persuading people to believe what I believe*, no matter how edgy or creative I get. Its more about shared experiences and encounters. Its about walking the journey of life and faith together, each distinct to his or her own tradition and culture but with the possibility of *encountering God and truth from one another*” (Italics added).

Gibbs and Bolger, *Emerging Churches*, 131.

Biblical Missions: Alternative Religions

Alternative religions? 2 Chr
13:9; Jer 2:11; Acts 19:26;
Col 1:13; 1 Cor 1:21;
10:19-20; Gal 4:8; Philip
3:4-8

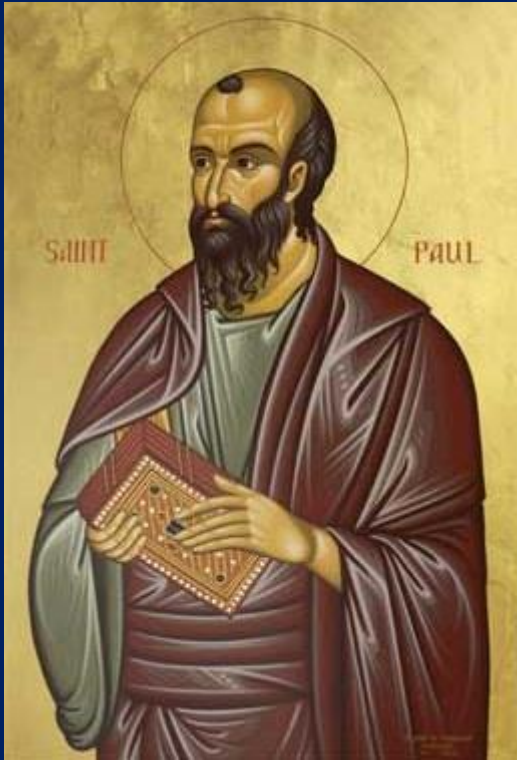
Inclusivism? John 14:6;
Acts 4:12; 1 Tim 2:5



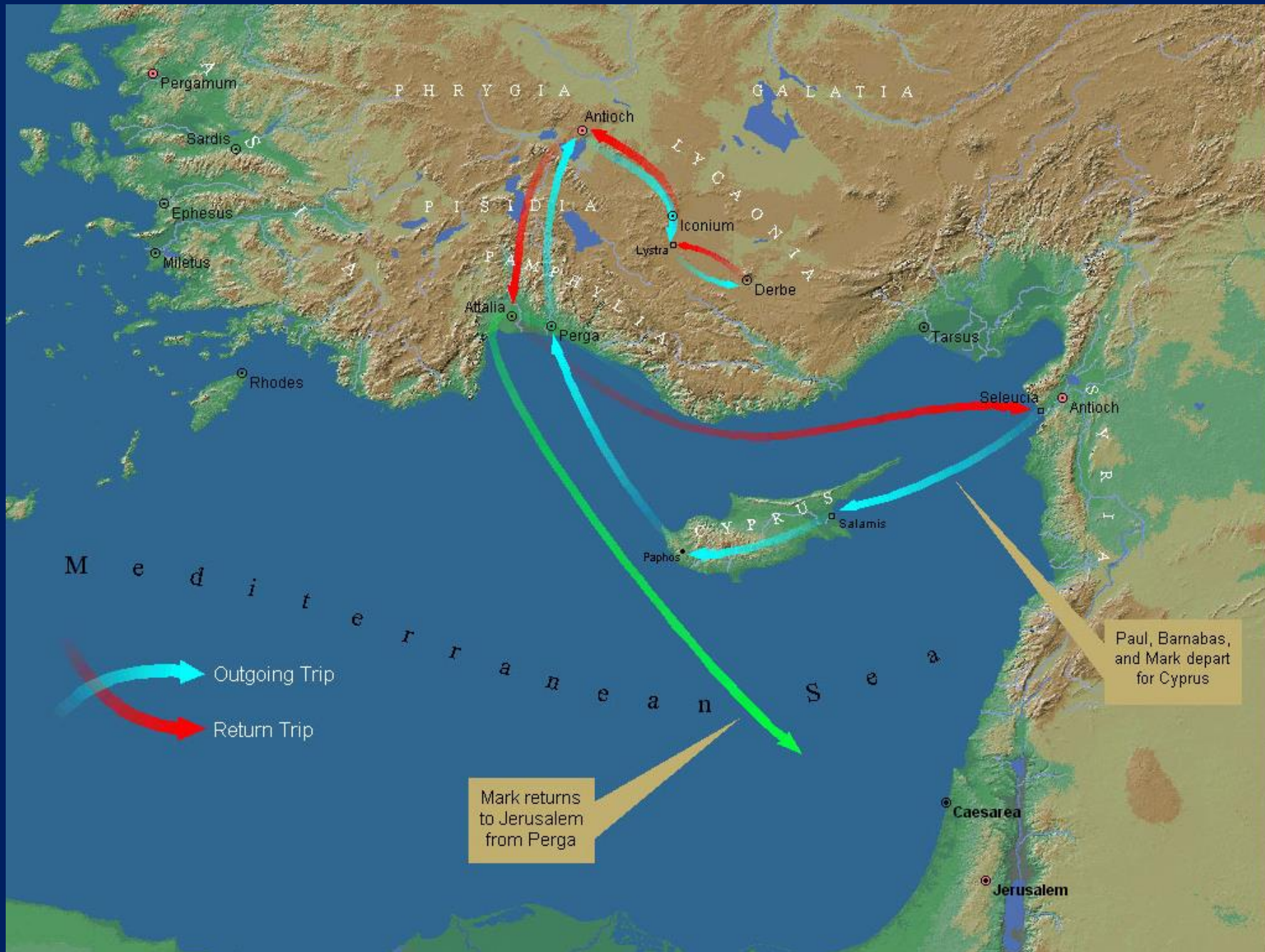
Three Tenses of Salvation

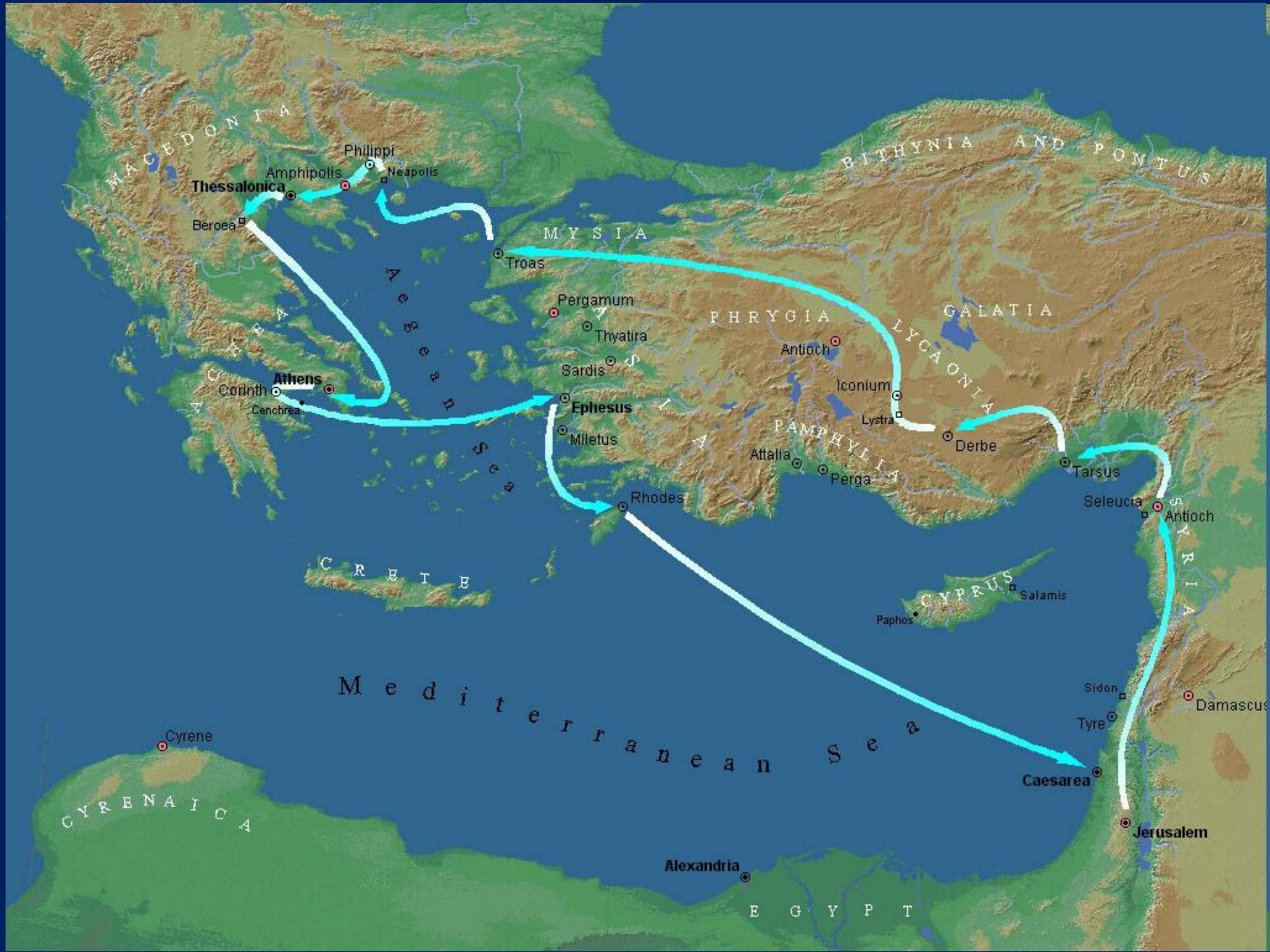
Phase	Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
Tense	Past	Present	Future
Saved from sin's:	Penalty	Power	Presence
Scripture	Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5	Philip 2:12	Rom 5:10

Galatians 4:19



"My children, with whom
I am again in labor until
Christ is formed in
you—"







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Trustworthy Statement (2:11-13)

- Believers died and will live with Christ (2:11)
- Four views (2:12)
 - ◆ Hypothetical
 - ◆ Arminian
 - ◆ Calvinistic
 - ◆ Rewards
- Christ will never cancel His promise of eternal life to all believers (2:13)

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2 Tim 2:14-26

- Workman (2:14-18)
 - ◆ Avoid non biblical speculation (2:14, 16-18)
 - ◆ Embrace biblical truth (2:15)
- Vessel (2:19-23)
 - ◆ Two kinds of vessels (2:20-21)
 - ◆ Avoidance of “these things” (2:19, 22, 23)
- Servant (2:24-26)
 - ◆ Teach with patience (2:24-25)
 - ◆ Reason for patience (2:26)

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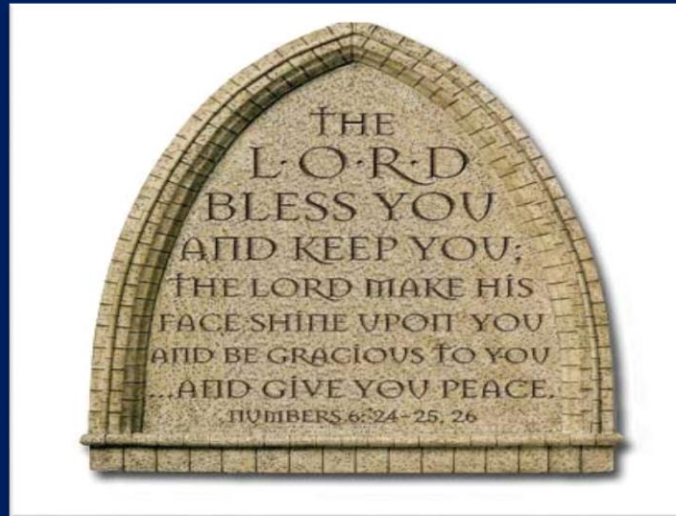


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Conclusion



“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” (NIV)