

EMBRACE SUFFERING: Vs 8-10

1. Not ashamed! Vs 8

First: Of the testimony of our Lord

Second: Of Paul, God's prisoner

- From vs 8 we you can see that if Timothy's ministry (vs 6) was marked by power, love, and sound mind / self-discipline, (vs 7) as a result, he would be able to stand before opposition.
- Though Paul was held in a _____ prison, he called himself _____ prisoner.
- **The example of Paul. Vs 12; Psalm 119:46; Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 4:10**
Contrast the world's view on the biblical perspective. **1 Corinthians 1:17-18, 21**
- **The example of Peter.**

Men may _____ you, but it's nothing compared to the shame of having _____ Jesus Christ.

Peter learned his lesson well. **1 Peter 4:14-16**

Webster's defines **Embarrassed** – "To feel _____-conscious, confused, and ill at ease."
God gave you **vs 7** for the solution.

We have no idea what it means to be **really** embarrassed! **Mark 8:38; 2 Timothy 2:12**

2. We must partake of the afflictions of the Gospel in God's power. Vs 8b

- We have the opportunity, thru God's power, to suffer for the Gospel's sake! **Phil 1:28-30**

For the Christian, getting saved and going to heaven is only _____ of the joy in Christ. God wants to give his children a life of PURPOSE. But that purpose is in opposition to this world's culture and plan - you WILL be opposed.

- KEY: Vs 9 "who hath saved us"
That is the prerequisite to the holy calling that we have in Christ. Are you saved?
Acts 4:12; 16:30; Romans 10:9-10; 1 Corinthians 1:18

Isn't the salvific power of God enough to carry you through anything that this world can throw at you? Romans 1:16

- KEY: Vs 9 "not according to our works" **Ephesians 2:8-9**

"but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

Beware the _____ of Calvinism. It says those who are to be saved were chosen to salvation before the world began.

They take a wrong view on God's _____!

God desires that ALL would be saved. **2 Peter 3:9**

For those of us that choose Christ, God gives us the High Calling! **Romans 8:28-30**

Simply accept at face value what God says. Ephesians 1:3-6

- Vs 4. Has He chosen some of us to be in him?

IN HIM (Christ) is the **prerequisite** for the blessing!

- God didn't predestine us to be _____, but rather because we are _____,
 God predestined us to be part of the _____ of God.

That is worth partaking of the afflictions of the gospel! In 2 Timothy vs 8, God has saved us, called us with an holy calling - before the world began in Vs 9. That is pre-history!

- Vs 10 "But is now made manifest" That is now!

At His first appearing He finished His work. **Hebrews 9:26**

He put away sin – and brought eternal life! **Titus 2:11**

At salvation, you have taken advantage of Christ's appearing. Romans 10:13

Notice: When our Lord appeared, He accomplished two things.

1.He put death out of commission.

2.He brought LIFE in death's place. **1 Corinthians 15:56-57; 2 Corinthians 5:17**

People need this Gospel message. To get that message out, it necessarily means persecution. Let's endure the hard times. Let's not waste our life on comfort, ease, and self-fulfillment.

Let's be partakers of the afflictions of Christ.