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2 Timothy Introduction

The Call to Christian Perseverance

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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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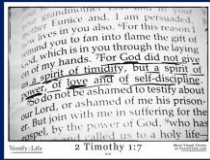
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Call to not be ashamed (1:8-14)


- Evangelism (1:8a)
- Paul (1:8b)
- **Gospel (1:9-14)**



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“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.”

John 5:24 (NASB)


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Article XI—Assurance

We believe it is the privilege, not only of some, but of all by the Spirit through faith who are born again in Christ as revealed in the Scriptures, to be assured of their salvation from the very day they take Him to be their Savior and that this assurance is not founded upon any fancied discovery of their own worthiness or fitness, but wholly upon the testimony of God in His written Word, exciting within His children filial love...

DTS Doctrinal Statement

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“No Christian can be sure that he is a true believer. Hence, there is an ongoing need to be dedicated to the Lord and to deny ourselves so that we might make it.”

John Piper and Pastoral Staff, TULIP: What We Believe about the Five Points of Calvinism: Position Paper of the Pastoral Staff (Desiring God Ministries, 1997), 25, cited in Dave Hunt, *What Love is This?*, 379.

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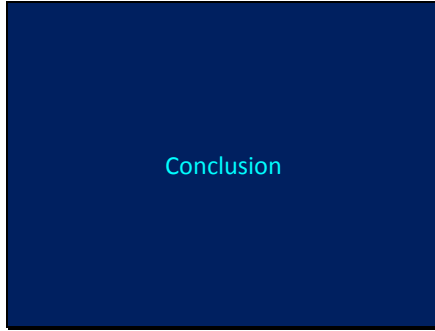


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Onesiphorus as a positive example of endurance (1:16-18)

- Refreshed Paul (1:16a)
- Was not ashamed of Paul (1:16b)
- Searched for Paul in Rome (1:17)
- Earned his reward (1:18a)
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"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)

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Rom. 1:2-Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, ^[a]called *as* an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² **which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures**

Gen. 3:15-And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall ^[a]bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel.

Rev. 13:8-All who dwell on the earth will worship him, *everyone* whose name has not been ^[f]written **from the foundation of the world** in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain

Rev. 17:8-The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and ^[g]go to destruction. And those who dwell on the earth, whose name has not been written in the book of life **from the foundation of the world**, will wonder when they see the beast, that he was and is not and will come.

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Luke 19:10- For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Gen. 2:16-17-The LORD God commanded the man, saying, “From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; ¹⁷ but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not ^[n]eat, for in the day that you eat from it **you will surely die.**”

Ezek. 18:20-The person who sins will **die**.

Jas. 1:14-15-But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. ¹⁵ Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin ^[p]is accomplished, it brings forth **death**.

Rom. 6:23-**For the wages of sin is death**, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gen 3:19-By the sweat of your face You will eat bread, Till you return to the ground, Because from it you were taken; **For you are dust, And to dust you shall return**

Matt 27:50- And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit.

Acts 7:59- They went on stoning Stephen as he called on *the Lord* and said, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!”

Isa 59:1-2-Behold, the LORD’S hand is not so short That it cannot save; Nor is His ear so dull That it cannot hear. But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, And your sins have hidden *His* ^[a]face from you so that He does not hear.

Eph 2:1-And you ^[a]were **dead** ^[b]in your trespasses and sins

Rev 2:11- He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt by the **second death**.

Rev 20:14-15-Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the **second death**, the lake of fire. ¹⁵ And if ^[k]anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Rev. 14:11-And the smoke of their torment goes up **forever and ever**; they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and ^[h]whoever receives the mark of his name.

Rev. 19:20- And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs ^[h]in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with ^[i]brimstone.

Rev. 20:10- And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and ^[f]brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet **are** also; and they will be tormented day and night **forever and ever**.

Matt. 25:46- These will go away into **eternal** punishment, but the righteous into **eternal** life.

Rom 16:26- but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the **eternal** God, has been made known to all the nations, *leading* to obedience of faith.

Dan. 12:2-Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to **everlasting** life, but the others to disgrace and **everlasting** contempt.

Ps 90:2- Before the mountains were born Or You gave birth to the earth and the world, Even from **everlasting** to **everlasting**, You are God.

Heb. 9:27- And inasmuch as it is ^[y]appointed for men to **die** once and after this *comes* judgment

Heb. 2:14-15-Therefore, since the children share in ^[m]flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through **death** He might render powerless him who had the power of **death**, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and might free those who through fear of **death** were subject to slavery all their lives.

1 Cor. 15:26- The last enemy that will be abolished is **death**.

1 Cor. 15:54-56-But when this ^[u]perishable will have put on ^[v]the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, “**DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY**. ⁵⁵ O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?” ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

Rev. 21:4-and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be *any* **death**; there will no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.

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2 Tim. 4:6-For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and **the time of my departure has come.**

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Gal 1:15-16-and I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my ^[h]countrymen, being more extremely zealous for my ancestral traditions. ¹⁵ But when God, who had set me apart *even* from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, was pleased.

Jer. 1:4-5-Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, ⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations.

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2 Cor. 11:23-33-Are they servants of Christ?—I speak as if insane—I more so; in ^[h]far more labors, in ^[i]far more imprisonments, ^[j]beaten times without number, often in danger of death. ²⁴ Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine *lashes*. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep. ²⁶ *I have been* on frequent journeys, in dangers from

rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from *my* countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren; ²⁷ *I have been* in labor and hardship, [k]through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and [l]exposure. ²⁸ Apart from *such* [m]external things, there is the daily pressure on me *of* concern for all the churches. ²⁹ Who is weak without my being weak? Who is [n]led into sin [o]without my intense concern?³⁰ If I have to boast, I will boast of what pertains to my weakness. ³¹ The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, He who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. ³² In Damascus the ethnarch under Aretas the king was guarding the city of the Damascenes in order to seize me, ³³ and I was let down in a basket through a window [p]in the wall, and *so* escaped his hands.

Rom. 1:16-17-For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it *the* righteousness of God is revealed [i]from faith to faith; as it is written, “[k]BUT THE RIGHTEOUS *man* SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.”

Philip. 1:6-*For I am* confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus

Rom. 8:38-39-For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 6:47- Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life.

Wilkin-“During the first message presented at Ligonier’s Conference in Orlando last June, Dr. R. C. Sproul indicated that Dr. James Boice, a scheduled speaker at the conference, was dying in faith that very night. Then at the end of the message he asked all 5,000 of us present to pray that Jim dies in faith. This struck me as sad. Here was a great pastor, theologian, teacher, and author. Yet Sproul was not sure that he was regenerate. (In Reformed thought, if a person fails to die in faith, he proved he was never saved in the first place.) I was reminded of R.T. Kendall’s remark that nearly to a man the Puritan divines died doubting whether they were saved and fearing they were going to hell. Dr. Boice died that very night, June 15th.”

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