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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? <u>Timothy</u>
- 4) When was it written? A.D. 67
- 5) Where was it written from? Rome
- 6) Why was it written? <u>Timothy's timidity</u> 8) What is inside (outline)? – 4 part outline
- 7) What is it about? <u>Perseverance</u>
- 9) What makes the book different? Paul's final word

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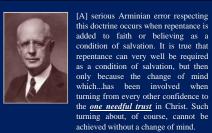
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Ephesians 6:10-20

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Satan's Existence OT-Job 1–2; Zech 3:1; Gen 3:1 (Rev 12:9); 1 Chr 21:1 NT Every author Christ (25x)

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Satan's Personhood

- Elements of personhood
 - ◆Intellect (2 Cor 2:11)
 - ◆Emotions (Rev 12:12, 17)
 - ♦Will (2 Tim 2:26)
- Personal pronouns (Mt 4:10)
- Moral accountability (Mt 25:41)

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Conclusion

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John 8:34-Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.

John 8:36-So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Rom. 6:16-Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?

- 1 Cor. 13:2-If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.
- Eph 4:15-Instead, **speaking the truth in love**, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.
- 1 Tim. 3:2-Now the overseer is to be above reproach, faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach.
- Acts 4:18- Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.
- Gen. 6:3- Then the LORD said, "My Spirit will not contend with humans forever, for they are mortal^[b]; their days will be a **hundred and twenty years**."

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- 1 Pet. 3:15-But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with **gentleness** and respect.
- 2 Tim. 3:12-In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

Rom. 2:4-Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that <u>God's</u> <u>kindness is intended to lead you to repentance</u>?

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2 Cor. 4:4-The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Rev. 12:9-The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

Matt. 16:21-23-From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

Acts 5:3-Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that <u>Satan has so</u> <u>filled your heart</u> that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land?

Acts 5:11-Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.

Eph. 4:26-27-BE ANGRY, AND *yet* DO NOT SIN; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and **do not give the devil** [s] an **opportunity**.

Rom. 12:2-And do not be conformed to this ^[c]world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may ^[d]prove what the will of God is, that which is good and ^[e]acceptable and perfect.

John 10:10-The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and [a]have *it* abundantly.

Num. 6:24-26-""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."