

Borrowed Time: Guard the Gospel – 2Timothy1

1. Remember What You Have Been Given – Be Encouraged (vs.1-6a)

- A. A mentor and godly _____ (vs1-5)
 - 1. Mentors – everyone needs a “Paul” and a “Timothy”
 - 2. Praise the Lord for godly mothers! ... and godly dads!
 - 3. The need for children and youth ministries!
- B. The Scriptures – our passage; 2Tim2:15; 3:16,17
 - 1. The very word of God, that testifies of Jesus! (“these testify of Me”)
 - 2. Heb4:12; Eph.6:17 – living, active, sharper than any sword, our only offensive weapon
- C. Spiritual _____ (vs.6,11)
 - *God has given every believer a gift of His Spirit to be used in His church, for His mission!
- D. The Holy Spirit (vs.7)
 - 1. God Himself indwells every believer; His Spirit is NOT of fear!
 - 2. He gives Power (Gk. dunamis/dynamite); love (Gk.agape/self-less love); discipline (Gk. means sound, calm mind)
- E. The Gospel of _____ (vs.8-10,12)
 - 1. saved us and called us by His purpose and grace *before time began*
 - 2. abolished death and brought life and immortality – **WHAT?!!!**
 - 3. security of the believer(12) – “convinced” absolutely persuaded; “guard” active, on guard!

2. Re-Ignite Your Gift From God – Don’t Be Afraid (vs.6-7)

- A. Coal of fire in fireplace...Keep with other coals, add fuel and air
- B. ***Are you waiting for God to _____ you?*** God says stir up what I’ve already given you!
 - 1. “Fan into flame” keep ablaze, Gk. is an ongoing action, do this by exercising his gift passionately!
 - 2. USE your gift to serve God’s church; Add _____; Wind of Spirit – Power, love and discipline

3. Rise to the Occasion – Be Bold and Guard the Gospel (vs.8-14)

- A. Don’t be ashamed of _____, His suffering and His message... “the word of the cross is foolishness...”
- B. Join me... – Paul is in a prison _____ ready to die, he has been deserted (vs.15; 4:7,8)
 - 1. Join in suffering for the gospel – I delivered to you of first importance! (1Cor.15:1-3)
 - *delivered to you – bring with authority of OT Scripture; first – top/upmost
 - *sports teams suffer to win the playoffs... What about us and the gospel?!!!***
 - 2. Religion finds God useful, but Paul found Jesus _____; knowing Christ, the Pearl of great price is worth suffering for; the gospel is about our beautiful Savior and Lord!
 - 3. The gospel **ALONE** is God’s power for salvation! (Rom1:16)
 - *He saved me!*** Rescues, sanctifies and glorifies!
- C. By the Power of God (vs.8,9)
 - 1. God’s _____: (vs.9) From before time began, God has purposed to reconcile mankind to Himself through Christ, to establish a people, His kingdom – ***IT WILL BE DONE!!!***
 - 2. God’s _____ and His Spirit: (vs.6,7) The gifts of God’s Spirit are given to us, ***WITH*** the power of His Spirit to accomplish His purpose!
 - 3. Paul sums this up in Eph1:18-21!!! *Consider the power He speaks of here!!!***
- D. Guard the Gospel (vs.13,14)
 - 1. Guard – a _____ on watch; a palace guard, and guarding a treasure
 - 2. 1st God guards, then Paul, Timothy, us...are guarding God’s gospel treasure (***Gal.1:8-10***)
 - *EXAMPLE:*** Mona Lisa... what would happen if people added to it...
 - 3. The treasure that has been entrusted to us: look what God has given YOU!
 - *Jesus the treasure of heaven and the glory of God***
 - *The ONLY means of being rescued from God’s wrath and being made right with Him***
 - 4. Does it really matter if we get it all right? Look at our nation...Look into eternity...

*****Remember! RE-Ignite! Rise-Up!**