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2 Timothy Introduction

The Call to Christian Perseverance

Answering Nine Questions

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

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- 2. Ten metaphors describing what faithful endurance looks like (chapter 2)
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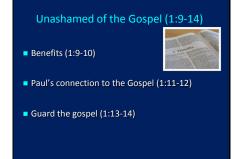




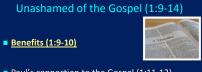
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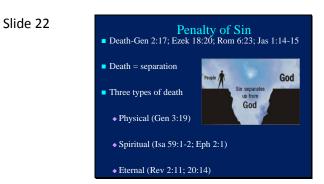
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John 5:24 (NASB)

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Article XI—Assurance

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

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



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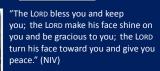
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Gal 1:15-But when God, who had <u>set me apart *even* from my</u> <u>mother's womb</u> and called me through His grace, was pleased.

Jer. 1:4-5-Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, "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.

Eph. 2:20- having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner *stone*,

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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, ^[i]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 ^[1]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 ^[0]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."

John 10:27-29- My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; ²⁸ and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ ^[d]My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are ^[e]one.

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

Rom. 8:38-39-For I am <u>convinced</u> 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."

2 Timothy 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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Luke 5:31- And Jesus answered and said to them, "*It is* not those who are <u>well</u> who need a physician, but those who are sick.

1 Tim. 6:3- If anyone advocates a different doctrine and does not ^[a]agree with <u>sound</u> words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness.

2 Tim. 4:3- For the time will come when they will not endure **<u>sound</u>** doctrine; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires,

Titus 1:9- holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in <u>sound</u> doctrine and to refute those who contradict.

Titus 1:13- This testimony is true. For this reason reprove them severely so that they may be **<u>sound</u>** in the faith.

Titus 2:1-2- But as for you, speak the things which are fitting for <u>sound</u> doctrine. ² Older men are to be temperate, dignified, sensible, <u>sound</u> in faith, in love, in ^[a] perseverance.

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1 Cor. 4:2- In this case, moreover, it is required ^[a]of stewards that one be found trustworthy.

Jude 3-Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the ^[a]saints.

John 14:16-I will ask the Father, and He will give you another ^[a]Helper, that He may be with you forever

Rom. 8:9-However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

1 Cor. 6:19- Or do you not know that your body is a ^[a]temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from ^[b]God, and that you are not your own?

1 Cor. 15:10- But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.

2 Tim 2:1-You therefore, my ^[a]son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus

Numbers 6:24-26-"The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵ the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; ²⁶the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace."