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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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Four Part Structure

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2 Timothy 1 Outline

I. Greeting (1-2)

- II. Thanksgiving (3-5)
- III. Gifting (6)
- IV. Courage (7)
- V. Unashamed (8-14)
- VI. Negative examples (15)
- VII. Positive example (16-18)

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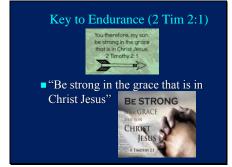
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2 Timothy 2

Ten Metaphors Illustrating Endurance



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 Teacher (2:2): four generations (from Paul to Timothy, from Timothy to faithful men, from faithful men to others)

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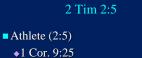






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(Rev 4:10: 3:11; 2 John 8)				
Scripture	Title	Purpose		
1 Cor. 9:24-27	Incorruptible crown	Gaining mastery over the old man		
1 Thess 2:19-20	Crown of rejoicing	Soul winning		
Jas 1:12; Rev 2:10	Crown of life	Enduring trials		
1 Pet 5:2-4	Crown of glory	Shepherding God's people		
2 Tim 4:8	Crown of righteousness	Longing for His appearing		

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"It is <u>arrogant</u> to pretend that from our vantage we can gauge accurately the intent of the framers on application of principle to specific contemporary questions. All too often sources of potential enlightenment such as records of the ratification debates provide sparse or ambiguous evidence of the original intention...And apart from the problematic nature of the sources, our distance of two centuries cannot but work as a prism refracting all we perceive."

Constitution, 398-99.

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"The issue with the Constitution is that the text is confusing because it was written more than 100 years ago and what people believe it says differs from person to person and differs depending upon what they want to get done."

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Emergent Church Uncertainty

•ask me if Christianity (my version of it, yours, the Pope's, whoever's) is orthodox, meaning true, and here's my honest answer: a little, but not yet...To be a Christian in a generously orthodox way is not to claim to have the truth captured, stuffed, and mounted on the wall...But we keep seeking."

Brian McLaren, A Generous Orthodoxy, 293

Emergent Church Uncertainty

"I grew up thinking that we've figured out the Bible...that we know what it means. Now I have no idea what most of it means."



Kristen Bell; quoted in Christianity Today, 11/1/04

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"How do you know that the records we have of Jesus are really what happened?...I would have to say that I cannot know this with absolute, undoubtable, unquestionable certainty."

Brian McLaren, The Church in the Emerging Culture, 201

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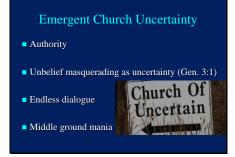
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Biblical Clarity: Homosexuality 9. Gen 1:27 1. Lev 18:22; 20:13 1. Matt 19:3-6 1. Cor 6:9-11 1. Tim 1:9-10 Jude 7 Jude 7

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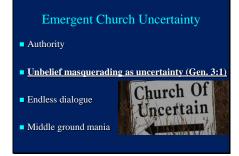
Warren Court Quip



"With five votes we can do anything"

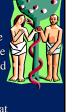
Owen M. Fiss, "Objectivity and interpretation," in Literature: A Hermeneutic Reader, ed. Stanford Le <u>Majlloux (Evanston,</u> IL: Northwestern University

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Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?"



Emergent Church Uncertainty

Authority
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"Isn't truth often best understood in a conversation, a dialectic (or trialectic), or a dynamic tension? Isn't in subverted by a tendency to "solaize"?"

Brian McLaren, A Generous Orthodoxy, 198



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Emergent Church Uncertainty

chopy, crazy waters is...to ride the waves and *bridge the opposites*, especially where they converge in reconciliation and illumination" (Italics added).

Leonard Sweet, Soul Tsunami, 163

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"A Generous Orthodoxy: Why I am a missional, evangelical, post/Protestant, liberal/conservative, mystical/poetic, biblical, charismatic/contemplative, Fundamentalist/Calvinist, Anabaptist/Anglican, Methodist, Catholic, Green, incarnational, depressed-yet hopeful, emergent, unfinished Christian."

Full Title of Brian McLaren's A Generous Orthodoxy





Certainty (Luke 1:4; 1 John 5:13; 2 Tim 2:15)

Perspicuity (2 Pet 3:16?)

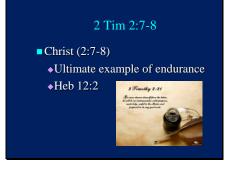
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The reformers had "total confidence in what is called the perspicuity of Scripture...the clarity of Scripture. They maintained that the Bible is basically clear and lucid. It is simple enough for any literate person to understand its basic message... What kind of God would reveal his love and redemption in terms so technical and concepts so profound that only an elite corps of professional scholars could understand them?..."

R.C. Sproul, *Knowing Scripture* (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1977), 15-17.

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"Biblical Christianity is not so esoteric a religion. Its content is not concealed in vague symbols that require some sort of special 'insight' to grasp. There is no special prowess or pneumatic gift that is necessary to understand the basic message of Scripture...The Bible speaks of God in meaningful patterns of speech. Some of those patterns my be more difficult than others, but they are not meant to be nonsense statements that only a guru can fathom."



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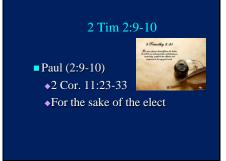


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Phase	Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
Tense	Past	Present	Future
Saved from sin's:	Penalty	Power	Presence
Scripture	Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5	Philip 2:12	Rom 5:10
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Trustworthy Statement (2:11-13)

- Believers died and will live with Christ (2:11)
- Four views (2:12) ♦ Hypothetical
 - Arminian

 - Rewards
- Christ will never cancel His promise of eternal life to all believers (2:13)

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- Workman (2:14-18)
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2 Tim 2:14-26

- Workman (2:14-18) Avoid non biblical speculation (2:14, 16-18)
 Embrace biblical truth (2:15)
- Two kinds of vessels (2:20-21)
- Avoidance of "these things" (2:19, 22, 23) Servant (2:24-26)

 - Teach with patience (2:24-25)
 Reason for patience (2:26)



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Gal. 6:7-9-Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. ⁸ For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. ⁹ Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.

John 4:34-38-Jesus *said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work. ³⁵ Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, and *then* comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest. ³⁶ Already he who reaps is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for life eternal; so that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. ³⁷ For in this *case* the saying is true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored and you have entered into their labor." 1 Cor. 3:6-7-I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. ⁷ So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth.

1 Cor. 3:8-Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own ^[b]<u>reward</u> according to his own labor

Rev. 22:12-Behold, I am coming quickly, and <u>My reward *is*</u> <u>with Me</u>, to render to every man ^[a]according to what he has done.

1 Pet. 5:4-And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading ^[c]crown of glory.

2 John 8-Watch yourselves, that you do not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward.

Rev. 3:11-I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown

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Luke 1:3-4- it seemed fitting for me as well, having ^[e]investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write *it* out for you in consecutive order, most excellent Theophilus; ⁴ so that you may <u>know the exact truth about the things you</u> <u>have been ^[f]taught</u>.

1 John 5:13-These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may **know** that you have eternal life.

2 Tim. 2:15-Be diligent to present yourself **approved to God** as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

Matt. 24:15-Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (**let the reader understand**).

Rev. 1:1-The <u>**Revelation**</u> of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place; and He sent and ^[a] communicated *it* by His angel to His bond-servant John

2 Pet. 3:15-16-and regard the patience of our Lord *as* salvation; just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you, ¹⁶ as also in all *his* letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are <u>some</u> things <u>hard</u> to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as *they do* also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.

Luke 24:45-Then He opened their ^[a]minds to understand the Scriptures.

John 16:12-13-I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. ¹³ But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

1 John 2:20, 27-But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know... As for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, ^[i]you abide in Him.

1 Cor. 2:10, 14-15-For to us God revealed *them* through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God... But ^[f]a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually ^[g]appraised. ¹⁵ But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one.

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Heb. 12:2-fixing our eyes on Jesus, the ^[b]author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

1 Cor. 15:4-and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

Matt. 1:17-So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; from David to the deportation to Babylon,

fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to ^[q]the Messiah, fourteen generations.

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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 ^[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.

Philip 1:12-18-Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the gospel, ¹³ so that my ^[i]imprisonment in *the cause of* Christ has

become well known throughout the whole ^[j]praetorian guard and to everyone else,

¹⁴ and that most of the ^[k]brethren, trusting in the Lord because of my ^[l]imprisonment, have far more courage to speak the word of God without fear.

¹⁵ Some, to be sure, are preaching Christ even ^[m]from envy and strife, but some also ^[n]from good will; ¹⁶ the latter *do it* out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel; ¹⁷ the former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition ^[0]rather than from pure motives, thinking to cause me distress in my ^[p]imprisonment. ¹⁸ What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and in this I rejoice.

Mark 10:42-45-Calling them to Himself, Jesus *said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them; and their great men exercise authority over them. ⁴³ But it is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant; ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His ^[p]life a ransom for many."

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