



Paul's Last Recorded Salutation

PAUL'S GREETING AND FOND RECOLLECTIONS – 2 TIMOTHY 1:1-5

Today we begin our textual study of the second and _____ epistle of Paul the apostle. He writes from death row in a Roman dungeon to Timothy, a pastor he disciplined and mentored for over 10 years. Consider this: every letter has three main parts—the greeting, the body, and the close. Unlike most common modern letters, this biblical _____ is more detailed. Here as the apostle opens the letter, he reveals his feelings as he recalls some very fond _____. Because of the timeless nature of this introduction, we too will be challenged to apply many things that Paul and Timothy would also have pondered.

1. Personal greetings – 2 Timothy 1:1-2

- a. An apostle of Jesus Christ by the _____ of God – verse 1a; 3:12; James 4:4
 - By the will of God – The desire, choice, and resolve of God
- b. A consoling declaration – verse 1b
 - According to the _____ of life which is in Christ Jesus – Titus 1:2
- c. A very personal touch – verse 2
 - My dearly beloved son – verse 2a
 - The assurance of God – verse 2b
 - Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord

2. Fond recollections – 2 Timothy 1:3-5

- a. Paul's *remembrance* and prayers – verse 3
 - Prays night and day – 1 Thess. 5:17
- b. Paul's thankfulness – verses 3a, 4-5
 - For a pure conscience – verse 3a
 - For Timothy's life and friendship – verse 3-4
 - For the *remembrance* of Timothy's unfeigned _____ – verse 5
 - Unfeigned – Not counterfeit, not hypocritical, real and _____