



Have no shame of Jesus Christ or
those that love and serve him

SUFFERING SHAMELESSLY (CHANGING YOUR PERSPECTIVE) – 2 TIMOTHY 1:8-12

Last week's message addressed our need to press forward *fearlessly*. Today's text reveals another specific issue that can paralyze anyone and any work for Christ—_____. Paul explains to Timothy that _____ for Jesus is not what it seems, that the young pastor is not looking at this issue from the right perspective. He too will have to face trouble and learn to endure afflictions (2 Ti. 4:5). These truths are so relevant that God chose to preserve them for us so we can _____ ourselves effectively and have a more meaningful Christian life experience no matter what our state.

1. How to be unashamed of the Lord's testimony – 2 Timothy 1:8-10

- a. Be a _____ of the afflictions that go with the gospel – verse 8

According to the _____ of God – verse 7; 2 Ti. 2:9, 12; 3:12; Heb. 11:25; 13:3; 1 Peter 2:20; 3:14, 17; 4:15-16, 19; Rev. 2:10

- b. Know that God has an important _____ on your life – verses 9-10

This calling includes suffering and afflictions

This calling is for all who are in Christ; it was determined before the world began – Eph. 1:1-6

This calling became possible because of Christ's appearing on earth at his first coming

This calling can be realized by anyone if they will believe the gospel and receive Jesus

2. How to be unashamed of faithful believers – 2 Timothy 1:11-12

- a. Be faithful to your calling – verse 11

Paul was faithful to his calling, he perceived it rightly—he was _____ to the job

Most were ashamed of the apostle Paul and forsook him – 2 Ti. 4:16 ... but not all – 1:16

Timothy knows his calling because a team of pastors ordained him – verse 6; 1 Ti. 4:14

- b. Have confidence in the _____ of God – verse 12; Acts 21:13