

Key text in 2 Timothy is:

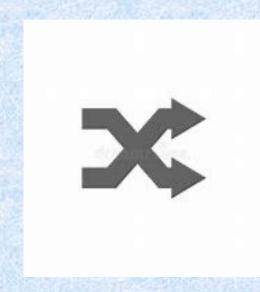
"And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, commit to faithful people who will be able to teach others also."

[2:2]









Timothy was to **commit** [key term] the treasure of the gospel that had been committed to him to the next generation of believers.

One sentence summary:

Christian leaders are to be unashamed of the gospel and to carry on faithfully with the Message about Christ Jesus entrusted to them.

This was Paul's last letter. It was written from prison in Rome around AD 66. (Date is approximate.)



In the first chapter we read:

- That Paul called him "my dear son." (1:2).
- That Timothy was a third generation Believer! Amazing! (verse 5).
- · He invites Timothy to join him in suffering! (verse 8).



Chapter 2 tells us that:

- God's word is not chained (2:9)
- Another fragment of an ancient hymn in verses 11-13.
- Timothy is to flee from "youthful desires" (vs.22)
- Timothy is told quarrels are not helpful. (verse 22)
- The Lord's servant must be able to teach (verse 24)

Where It's Hardest to Follow Jesus:

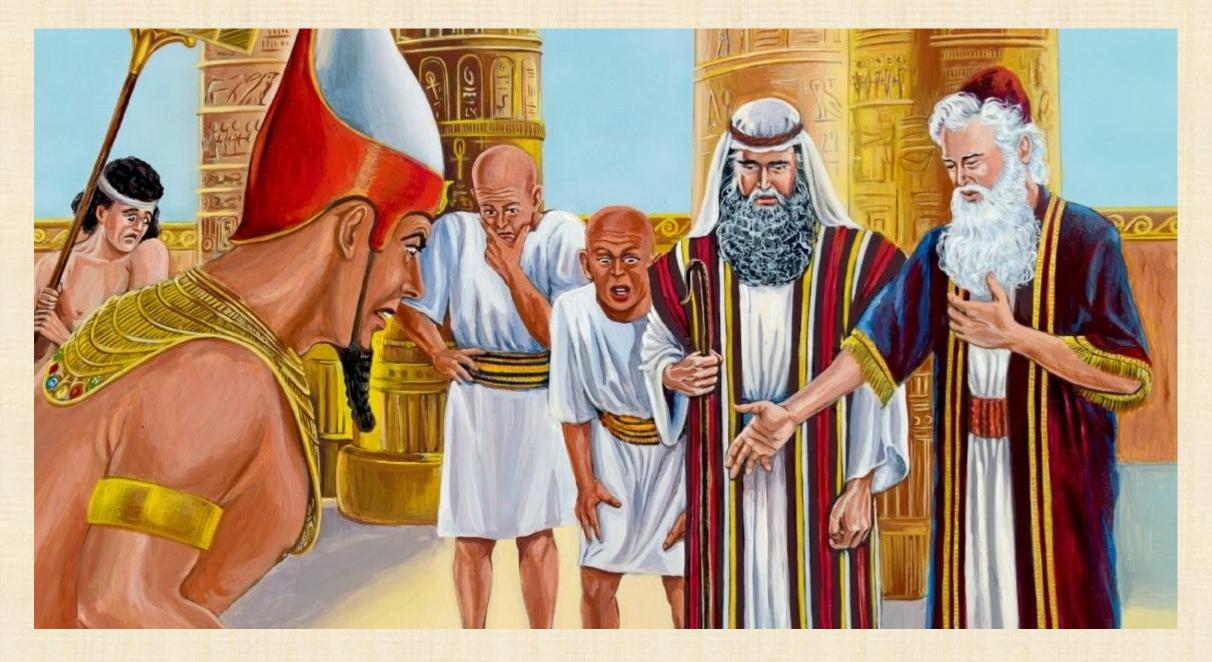
- 1. North Korea
- 2. Somalia
- 3. Libya
- 4. Eritrea
- 5. Yemen
- 6. Nigeria
- 7. Pakistan
- 8. Sudan
- 9. Iran
- 10. Afghanistan
- 11. India

There are an estimated 200 to 300 million Christians persecuted worldwide right now!



- Chapter 3 gives us a look at what the "latter days" will be like in 3:1-5.
- Sound familiar?





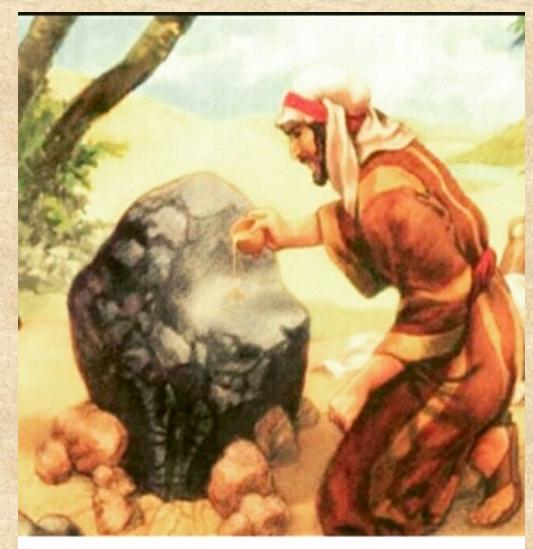
Don't be Jannes and Jambres!

Opinion time:

What do verses 3:16 and 17 mean to you?

What scriptures was Paul referring to? His own?



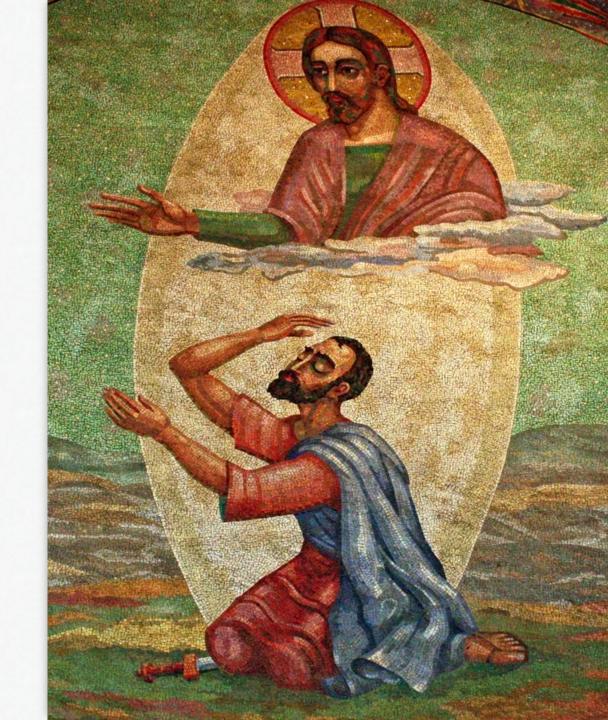


Jacob at Bethel Offering a drink offering. Genesis 35:14

Paul was near death, and he knew it. (Chap. 4:6-8.) He was "poured out" like the ancient Hebrew sacrifice. (Numbers 28:7;8)

• Paul's final remarks (verses 9-18) indicate that everyone has left him-for good reason or bad!

• But God is still with him, and this gives him strength.[4:17-18]

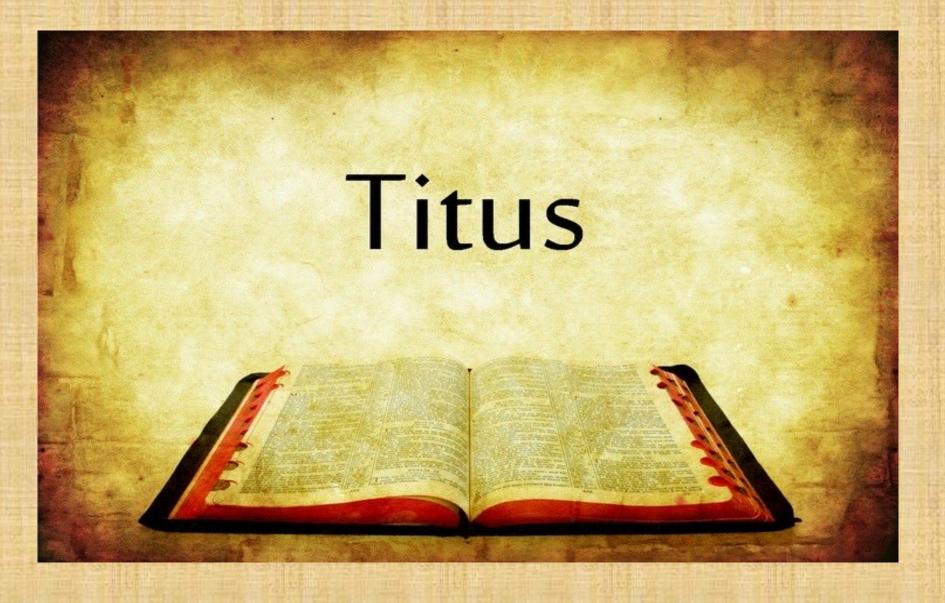


Paul closes with some personal remarks. He even asks for his cloak to be brought to him from Troas where he left it!

And so, 2 Timothy ends.

But the faith continues to spread...





"To Titus my true son in our common faith..." (chapter 1:4)



• Titus had been sent to the island of Crete to check on the conditions of the churches there. (Verses 1:5-9)

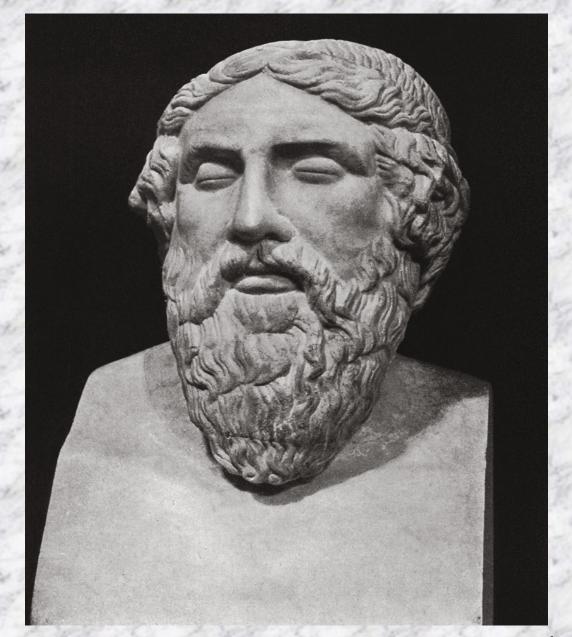
 Titus in for rough a time. The Cretans were a "rebellious people." (v.10)

 The book of Titus was written before 2 Timothy.



Titus is given the attributes of a good elder. (Chap.1: 5-9) We may recognize them from the elder attributes given to Timothy in First Timothy (chapter 3).

OK. Paul tell me what the Cretans are like? Really? That bad, huh? (v.12)

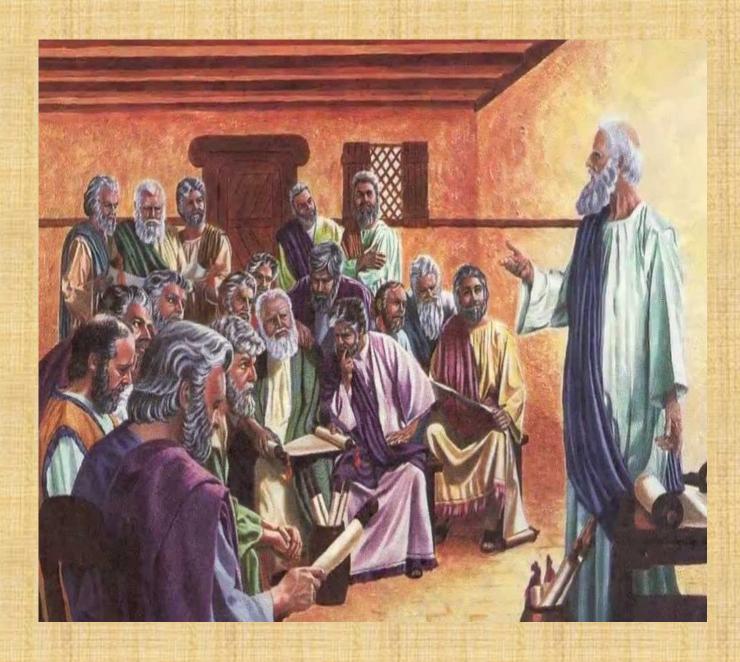




"All Cretans are liars." - Epimenides. [6th Century BC]

Teach sound doctrine to:

- ☐ "older men" (<u>Chap 2</u>: 2)
- "older women" (vs. 3-5)
- ☐ "young men" (vs.6-8)
- ☐"slaves"(vs.9)
- ☐ "...grace of God ...has salvation to all people." (verse 11)



Chapter 3 reminds all of us that we are saved in order to do good.

But we are also to avoid:

- Foolish controversies
- Genealogies
- Arguments about the law.
- [verses 3:9-11]

