

Not Being Ashamed of the Gospel (Pt I) 2 Timothy 1:8-18 (vv 8-10)

- Vs 1-5 – Paul encourages and motivates Timothy in several key ways
- His (Paul's) authority, selfless spirit, he expresses appreciation for him
- He reminds Timothy of his prayer, of his own affection & Timothy's
- He affirms Timothy, reminding that he was convinced of his genuine faith
- Paul reminds him of his great spiritual heritage, he should not fear
- Paul now addresses the attitude Timothy must have to face suffering
- Paul's key theme of 'not being ashamed' from vs. 6-18 (**vvs. 8, 12, 16**)
- Shame & fear cripple faith & make us ineffective (Matt 26:56; John 21)

I. Do Not Be Ashamed of the Gospel (1:8)

- a. Don't be ashamed of the testimony of the Lord
- b. Nor of me his prisoner
- c. Share in my suffering

II. The Glory of the Gospel (1: 8-10)

- Paul's command here is not a matter of white knuckling & enduring
- Call to embrace the glory of the Gospel (1 Peter 4: 12,13; Rom 5, 8)
 - a. Power of God (1:8,9)
 - b. The grace of God (1:8)
 - i. Sovereign grace
 - ii. Preexistent grace
 - iii. Visible grace