Introduction:

I. THE MESSAGE OF II TIMOTHY (vs. 1-2)

A. The Old Man Who is the Writer (vs. 1)

"Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus"

Paul's Roman Imprisonments Contrasted	
First	Last
He had freedom in his house. Acts 28:30	He was in chains as a criminal. 2 Tim. 2:9
He could entertain many visitors. Acts 28:30-31	It was dangerous to visit him. 2 Tim. 1:16-17
Many believers were with him. Acts 28:17-31	He was completely alone. 2 Tim. 1:15

"by the will of God, according to the promise of life in Christ Jesus"

- B. The Young Man Who is the Reader (vs. 2a)"to Timothy, my beloved son"
- C. The God-Man Who is the Main Focus (vs. 2b)
 - "Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord."

"2 Timothy is unlike either 1 Timothy or Titus. It is an intensely personal letter written to encourage Timothy in his difficult task and to ask him to come to Rome. Since it was written to one of Paul's best friends who knew his theology, and not to a church who did not know his theology (Titus) or to a church who knew his theology but was choosing to ignore it (1 Timothy), one is not surprised if 2 Timothy does not sound like other letters. It was not intended to be a theological treatise."

— William Mounce

II. THE MESSAGE FROM PAUL TO TIMOTHY (vs. 3-4)

A. Paul's Appreciation (3)

"I thank God, whom I serve with a clear conscience"

II Corinthians 1:12

I John 1:9

"the way my forefathers did"

"I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day"

B. Paul's Affection (4)

"longing to see you, even as I recall your tears"

"so that I may be filled with joy"

III. A MESSAGE FROM TIMOTHY TO US (vs. 5)

A. The Reality of Timothy's Faith (5a)

"for I am mindful of the sincere faith within you"

B. The Roots of Timothy's Faith (5b)

"which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice"

C. The Reinforcement of Timothy's Faith (5c)

"and I am sure that it is in you as well"

Guard the Gospel (ch. 1) Suffer for the Gospel (ch. 2) Continue in the Gospel (ch. 3) Preach the Gospel (ch. 4)

Conclusion:

- 1) The Gospel brings us into a personal relationship with the Father through faith in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- 2) The Gospel brings us into close, life-changing relationships with other believers.
- 3) The Gospel brings us into a life of service according to God's will and gifts.

vs. 6 - "for this reason...kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you"