**II Timothy, Introduction**

**(II Tim. 1:1-3)**

**1. Background:** Ephesian church (c. AD 52) > continued until at least AD 95 (Rev. 1:11; 2:1 ff.)

a. Acts 18:18-23 > on way to Syria stopped at Ephesus and started church and turned over to Aquila and Priscilla

b. Acts 19:1 ff. > had promised to return and stayed 3 years at Ephesus > healed sick, exorcized demons (demon beat up 7 sons of Sceva), challenged Christians to burn occultic books, survived Demetrius, and left.

c. Acts 20:17 ff. > challenged Ephesian elders

**2. Date:**

a. Started Ephesian church AD 52

b. 1st Roman Imprisonment AD 58-60 and released.

c. Wrote I Tim. About AD 62 and then imprisoned again AD 65 and wrote Hebrews and II Tim.

d. Imprisoned under Nero (AD 54-68) right before Jewish-Roman War (66-73 [ending with Masada])

**3. Theme** > Preach the word (4:1-2) > “sound” (1:7, 13; 4:3); “doctrine” (3:10, 16; 4:2, 3); “Word” (1:13; 2:9, 11, 15, 17; 4:2, 15); “Scripture” (3:16 > I Tim. 5:8)

**Outline:**

**I. The Salutation (1:1-2)** > **The Addressee (vv. 1-2)** > Timothy

**II. The Stirring (1:3-4:19)**

A. With Regard to Past Responsibilities (1:3-18)

**1) The Admiration (vv. 3-5)** > his faith and relatives

**2) The Admonishment (vv. 6-7)** > gift, spirit

**3) The Application (vv. 8-12)** > avoid shame

**4) The Assessment (vv. 13-18)** > Timothy, Asians, Onesiphorus

B. With Regard to Present Responsibilities (2:1-26)

C. With Regard to Potential Responsibilities (3:1-17)

D. With Regard to Personal Responsibilities (4:1-21)

**III. The Summary (4:22)**

**CHAPTER ONE**

**The Addressee (vv. 1-2)**

**PREMISE: In Paul’s second letter to Timothy he charged him with preaching the word of God, the only remedy against Gnosticism (II Tim. 3:16-4:2)**

**I. The Addressee (vv. 1-2) >** Timothy > Paul’s best (Phil. 2:19), fearful (II Tim. 1:7), sickly (I Tim. 5:23)

**A. The Parallels in Address**

*1. The Authority*: (Paul’s apostleship [Acts 9:5 ff.; I Cor. 15:8-10; II Cor. 11:23-28]): *“commandment”* vs. *“will”*

*2. The Assurance*: *“hope”* > Lord (Heb. 6:19-20) vs. *“promise of life”* > Lord (I Jn. 5:13)

**B. The Person of the Address** > my own son in the faith vs. my dearly beloved son (I Tim. 1:2; II Tim. 2:1)

*1. His Family* >

a. His father a Greek; physical father opposed to circumcision, but not Paul (Acts 16:1-3)

b. His mother Eunice (“good victory”) and grandmother Lois (“agreeable”) > II Tim. 1:5)

*2. His Faith* > spiritual gift (II Tim. 1:6) > “service” [?]

*3. His Focus* > Serving Lord through service for Paul in Ephesian church (II Tim. 2:2)

**CONCLUSION: Timothy was a faithful man who perpetuated “faithful men movement.”**