

1 & 2 Timothy

Breakdown

- 1 & 2 Timothy are the 10th & 11th epistles in the New Testament and were written by Paul to Timothy. During one of his later missionary journeys, Paul had left Timothy in Ephesus to pastor the church there.
- Paul first wrote to Timothy from Macedonia around 65 A.D. which was sometime between the two times Paul was imprisoned in Rome. He wrote his second letter to Timothy just a year or two later. Timothy received both letters while he was in Ephesus.

Main Points

- When Jesus came to the earth as the substitutionary sacrifice for us, He became our Mediator. As our Mediator, Jesus made it possible for us to be reconnected with God because He represents us to the Father, but He also represents the Father to us. In addition to being our Savior and Mediator, Jesus also became the head of the church. As members of the church, we are also members of the body of Christ, which means that the church represents Jesus to the world.
- As representatives of Christ, it is important for the church to have the same values as Jesus, to talk like Jesus, and to act like Jesus. In his letters, Paul explained to Timothy how the church should look and reminded him of the importance of always following the truth.

Did you know?

- Paul urges the church to pray, intercede, and give thanks for people in authority. What reason does Paul give for this?
- Paul gave Timothy a fairly detailed list of requirements for leaders in the church. What were the requirements Paul wrote about?
- Paul warned Timothy that some people might be tempted to look down on him as a leader. Why did Paul think people might look down on Timothy?
- Paul instructed Timothy to teach people who are wealthy that they shouldn't trust in their money. Why does Paul say we shouldn't trust in money?
- Paul remembered that Timothy shared his faith with two of his relatives. Who were they?
- Paul reminded Timothy to continue in the Word of God that he had learned. When did Paul say that Timothy had first been taught the Scriptures?
- According to Paul's second letter, he was expecting a major event to happen in his life. What was Paul expecting to happen to him?

Further Thought

- Paul explained to Timothy that the Holy Spirit would give him the power to carefully guard the truth he had learned. Why is it so important for us to guard the truth we have learned, and how does the Holy Spirit help us do that?
- In 2 Timothy 3, Paul tells Timothy what people will be like in the last days. His description sounds a lot like people in our current time. What is the key to making sure we don't become like those people Paul described?