

Scripture Guide for 2 Timothy 1:1-18

Paul and Timothy- What's their connection?

Read Acts 15:36-16:5--- Paul and Barnabas were about to head out on what we refer to as his 2nd missionary journey. Paul and Barnabas had a disagreement about taking John Mark along, so they split up, and Paul took Silas instead. They met Timothy a bit later and Paul wanted to take him along with them on their journey.

When and where is Paul writing from?

The letter is written about 64-65 A.D., though some date it as late as 67 A.D. Paul is in prison in Rome - he is not sure what awaits him, but is aware that it is likely that he will be executed, which indeed, is what happened.

What is Paul's primary concern about Timothy?

If you read the first few verses, the answer is clear - he wants to see Timothy - to have him come to him in Rome. See also 4:9. But there's much more: Read verses 6-9 and consider what it is that Paul desires for Timothy to be and to do.

What is the gospel?

Gospel is a key word in this book, and of course the gospel (meaning good news) is the core of our faith. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-5 and write down the core message of the gospel.

What about the other names here?

Contrast the people that Paul mentions here - what are they remembered by Paul (and believers down through history) for? What would you want to be remembered for?