## THE PROSPECT

## 2 TIMOTHY 1:1-18

- <sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,
- <sup>2</sup> To Timothy, beloved son: Grace, mercy, peace from God the Father and Christ Iesus our Lord.
- <sup>3</sup> I give thanks to God, whom I serve with a pure conscience as [did] the forefathers, as I have unceasing remembrance of you in my prayers night and day,
- 4 longing to see you—having remembered your tears—so that that I may be filled with joy,
- <sup>5</sup> for, receiving a reminder of the unhypocritical faith in you, that first dwelt in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, I have been convinced that [it is] in
- <sup>6</sup> For which reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God which is <u>in you</u> through the laying on of my hands.
- <sup>7</sup> For God has not granted us a Spirit of timidity, but of power and love and selfcontrol.
- 8 Therefore DO NOT BE ASHAMED of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but co-suffer affliction [with us] for the gospel according to the power of
- 9 who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from the time of eternity,
- 10 but now has been made apparent by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death but brought to light life and immortality through THE
- 11 for which I was appointed [Greek: tithēmi] proclaimer and apostle and teacher.
- $^{12}$  for which reason I also suffer these things; but I AM NOT ASHAMED, for I know in whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard my deposit [from Greek: paratithēmi] until that day.
- 13 Hold on to the example of words that are sound which you have heard from me, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus;
- 14 guard the good deposit through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.
- <sup>15</sup> This you know, that all in Asia turned away from me, among whom are Phygelus
- $^{16}$  The Lord grant mercy to the household of Onesiphorus, for often he revived me and he was not ashamed of my chains;
- 17 but when he was in Rome, he diligently sought me and found me;
- $^{\rm 18}$  the Lord grant to him to find mercy from the Lord on that day. And you are well aware how much he served in Ephesus.

"in you"; "Spirit"; "love" (1:6-7) Not "ashamed" (1:8a) Suffer for the gospel (1:8b) THE GOSPEL (1:9-10b) C' Suffer for the gospel (1:10c-12a) Not "ashamed" (1:12b) A' "love"; "Spirit"; "in us" (1:12c-14)

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**RENEWAL QUESTIONS:** Have you thought about the fact that all of us have "courses to complete" in our lives? These courses are, of course, fraught with the turbulences and turmoils of brokenness within us and around us. Suffering is part of this marathon. And one aspect of this suffering is our self-sacrificial help and aid of those who are running the race with us. What can each of us do to further this facet of faithful race-running—sacrificial service to our brothers and sisters in Christ? Who have been the people you have known who have modeled (or are modeling) faithful race-running, without shame, and with endurance?

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