

2 Timothy 1:1-8

'Timothy faced the prospect of carrying the apostolic message to a new generation just as the church decided it did not want it and the state decided that it would eliminate it'.

Chris Green, 2 Timothy, Aquila Press

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

2 To Timothy, my dear son:

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Paul introduces himself as the sender of the letter
- Paul introduces Timothy as the recipient of the letter
- Paul introduces 'the promise of life' as the concern of the letter.

1. Paul reminded Timothy of his spiritual heritage (3-5)

3 I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. **4** Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. **5** I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

2. Paul reminded Timothy of his spiritual resources (6-7)

6 For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

Conclusion

Where does this land for us?