

SECOND TIMOTHY

THE LAST WORDS
OF THE APOSTLE PAUL

**“The Need For Endurance
& Faithfulness”
(2 Timothy 2:8-13)**



“The Need For Endurance & Faithfulness”



- Trusting in God's grace, mercy and peace in the midst of trials. (1:2)
- Staying true to the scriptures and not sub-coming to the pressures of those around us (1:3)
- Concern and support for those who contend for the faith (1:4)
- Genuine faith is gained from God's word (1:5; 2 Tim 3:15)
- Fulfilling our duties to God (1:6)
- Faith extinguishes fear (1:7)
- The Value of Being Committed To The Lord, No Matter The Cost" (1:8-12)
- Hold Fast The Pattern (1:13,14)
- Disloyalty vs. Friendship (1:15-18)
- Grace Includes Keeping Rules! (2:1-7)

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■ CHAPTER 2

■ Strength in grace illustrated:

▶ As a good soldier (2:3,4)

▶ As an athlete (2:5)

▶ As a hardworking farmer (2:6)

■ Cross Before Crown (2:7-13)

■ A Workman Approved of God (2:14-19)

■ A Vessel unto Honor (2:20-26)

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Working hard like a
farmer (6)

Competing according to
the rules (5)

Enduring hardship as a
good soldier (3,4)

Sharing the gospel (2)

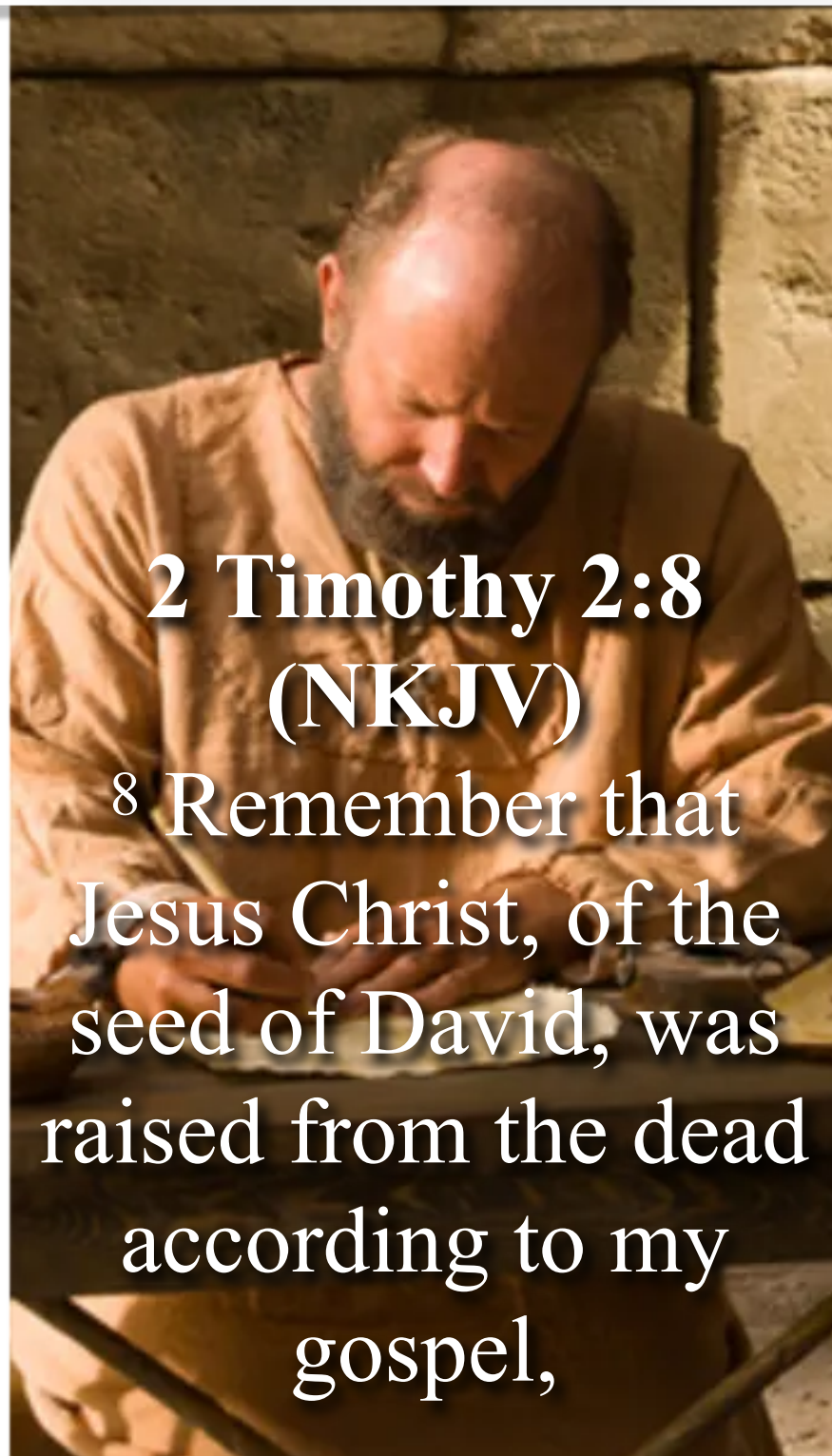
2 Timothy 2:7
(NKJV)
7 Consider what I
say, and may the
Lord give you
understanding in all
things.

2 Timothy 2:8–13 (NKJV)

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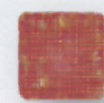
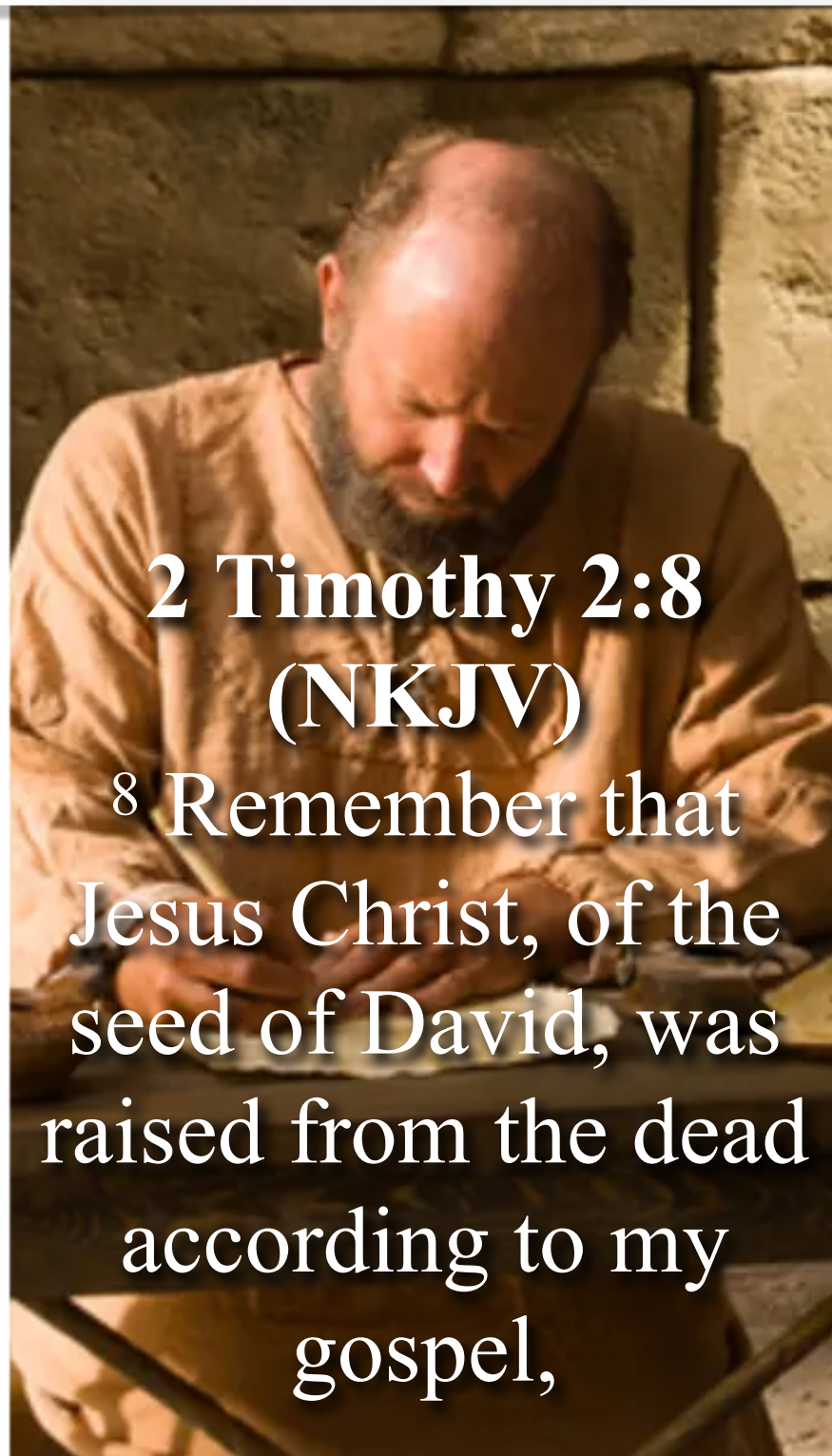
■ Just as surely as Jesus suffered and “arose a
Victor from the dark domain, And He lives
forever,” so will those who endure
suffering (He. 12:2, 3; 1 Co. 15:1,4,11–20)

■ “of the seed of David”

■ Jesus, our example, was of the royal line—
the Messiah—the King himself
demonstrating suffering precedes victory.
The cross goes before the crown (Mat. 1:1.
Ac. 2:30; 13:23. Ro. 1:3, 4; Re. 5:5; 22:16)

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“according to my gospel”



The gospel committed to his trust (1 Ti. 1:11; 2:7; Ro. 2:16; 16:25; 2 Th. 3:1)



This gospel is God’s power of salvation (Rom. 1:16; 2 Th. 2:14)



There is only one gospel (Gal. 1:6-9)



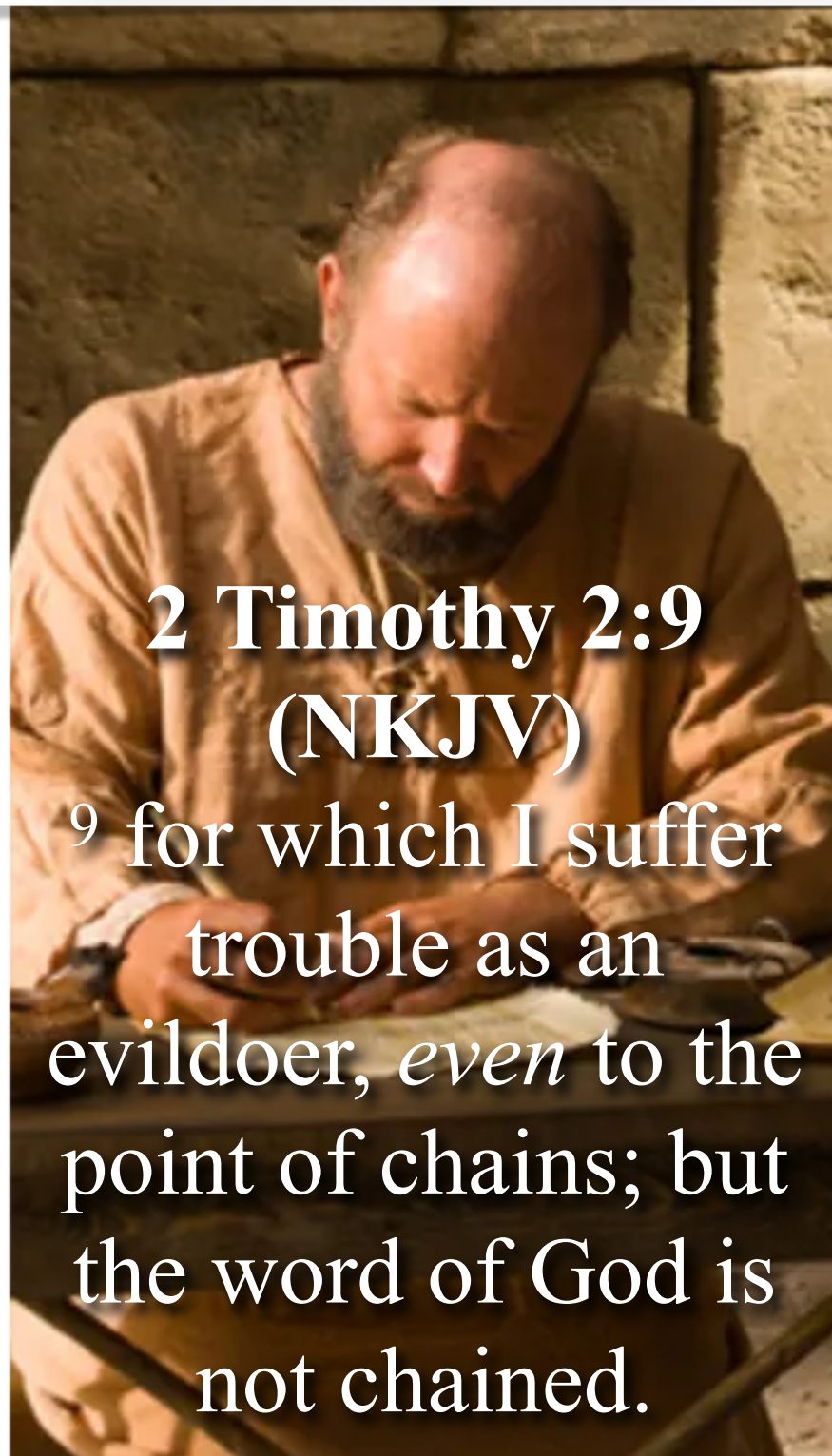
Peter preached the exact same gospel in Acts 2:14-41.



The gospel of Christ consists of facts to be believe, commands to be obeyed, and the promises to be received by those who believe and obey it (1 Cor. 15:4; Acts 2; Rom 6:3-6, 16-18; 10:9-17; 2 Thes 1:7-9)

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- **“for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, *even* to the point of chains”**
- The preaching of the gospel was the cause of Paul’s current imprisonment (1:8, 12, 16. Ac. 9:16; Col. 4:3)
- The godly will likely suffer unjustly (3:12; 1 Pe. 2:12, 14; 3:16; 4:15)
- **“but the word of God is not chained”**
- Even in prison, Paul was preaching, as were others. The word of God could NOT be stopped (Ac. 28:31. Ep. 6:19, 20. Phi. 1:12–14)

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■ **“Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect”**

◆ Paul’s faithfulness under the pressure of opposition was an encouragement to all. Hence, he was ready to endure (hupomenō) whatever Nero or anyone else could bring to bear in the form of persecution, for the salvation of souls. (Ep. 3:13; Col. 1:24; 2 Co. 1:6)

◆ “elect’s sake” identifies those chosen or called of God, which action is accomplished by obedience to the gospel (2 Thess. 2:13, 14; 1 Pe. 2:10).

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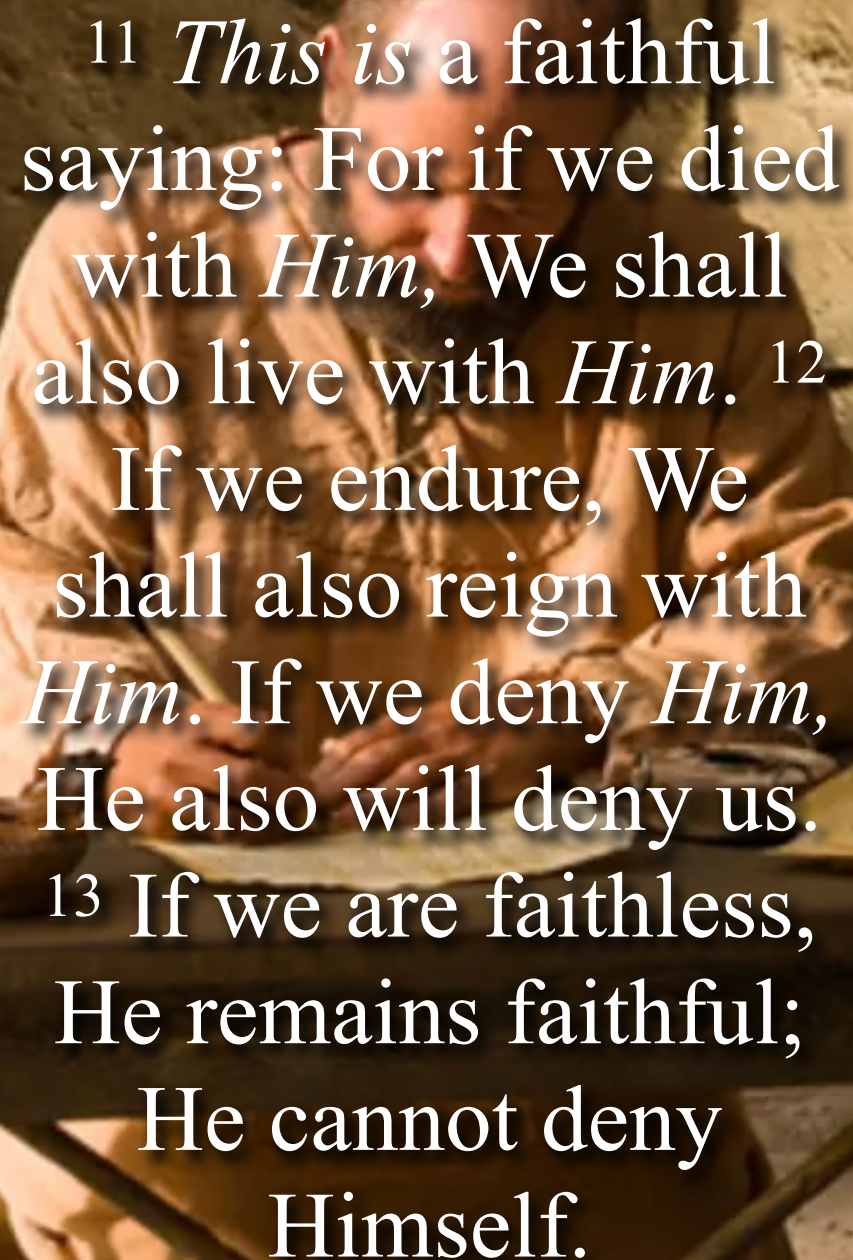
■ “Eternal glory” identifies the ultimate reward for faithfulness. It is the consummation of our salvation in heaven. (Ro. 2:7; 2 Co. 4:17; 1 Pe. 1:3-7; 5:10.)

■ Paul often spoke about suffering for righteousness’ sake, and associated this eternal glory with it, as a means of encouragement and power to endure (2 Co. 4:17, 18; Ro. 8:17,18).

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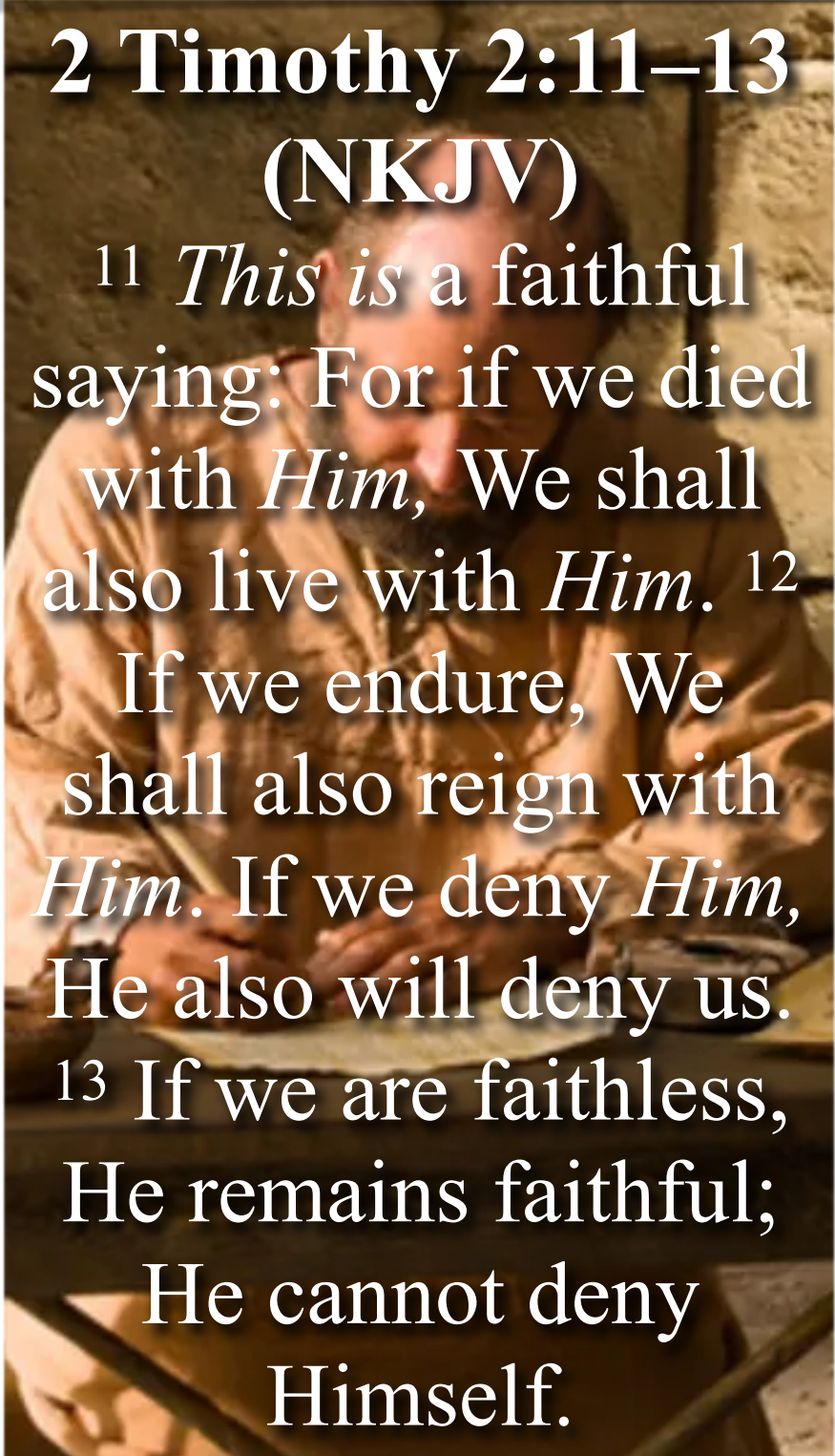
■ “This is a faithful saying:”

- This expression appears five times in 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus: (1 Ti. 1:15; 3:1; 4:9; 2 Ti. 2:11; Titus 3:8).
- The word faithful (pistos) means trustworthy (Wuest), or assuredly true (Barnes), or reliable (Lenski).
- Saying (logos) “denotes the contents of what is expressed by words” (Lenski).
- What Paul is about to state can be trusted as being absolutely TRUE!

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■ “For if we died with Him”

✎ Metaphorically refers to our self-denial, & repentance which culminated in our baptism (Ro. 6:3-8; Ga. 2:20; Co. 2:12,13; 3:3, 4).

■ “We shall also live with Him.”

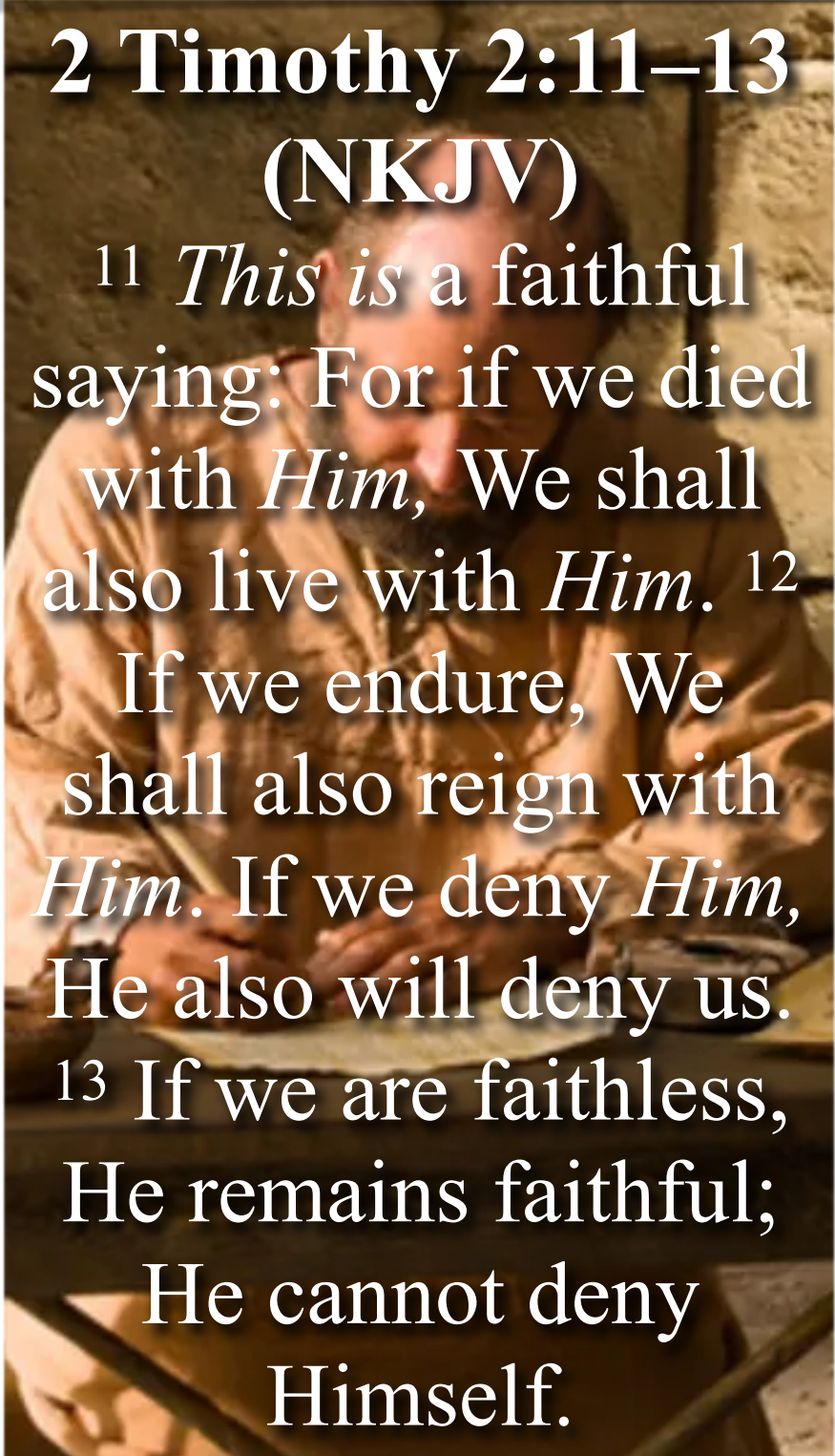
✎ We are raised from the waters of baptism to “walk in newness of life,” or as our text says, to “live with him” (Rom. 6:4).

✎ This present new life relationship is also pictured by Paul in Ep. 2:5, 6 “made us alive together with Christ.”

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■ “If we endure”

■ *hupomeno* (ὑπομένω, 5278) to continue to bear up despite difficulty and suffering. (Lou-Nida) — (Ac. 14:22; Ro. 8:17,18; Phi. 1:28; 2 Th. 1:4–8; 1 Pe. 4:13–16).

■ “We shall also reign with *Him*”

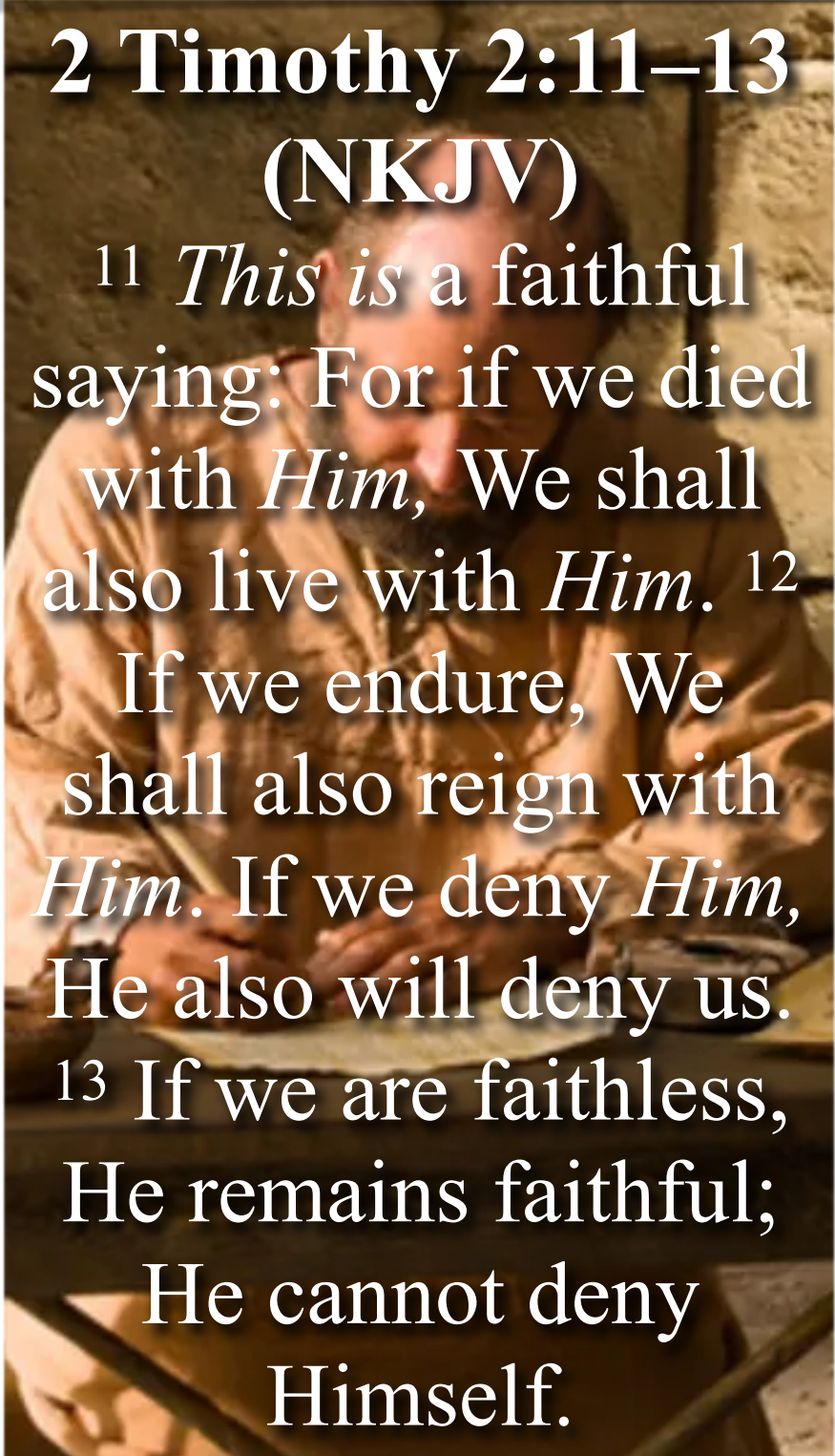
■ We are in a sense reigning with Christ now (cf. Re. 1:6, 9; 5:10; Eph. 2:5, 6)

■ As with the “living with Christ” above, we will reign with Christ in eternal glory (Ac. 14:22. Ro. 8:17. Phi. 1:28. 2 Th. 1:4–8. 1 Pe. 4:13–16).

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■ “If we deny *Him*, He also will deny us.”

■ After setting forth two positive conditions and their consequent blessings, Paul now warns against two negatives and their consequent penalties.

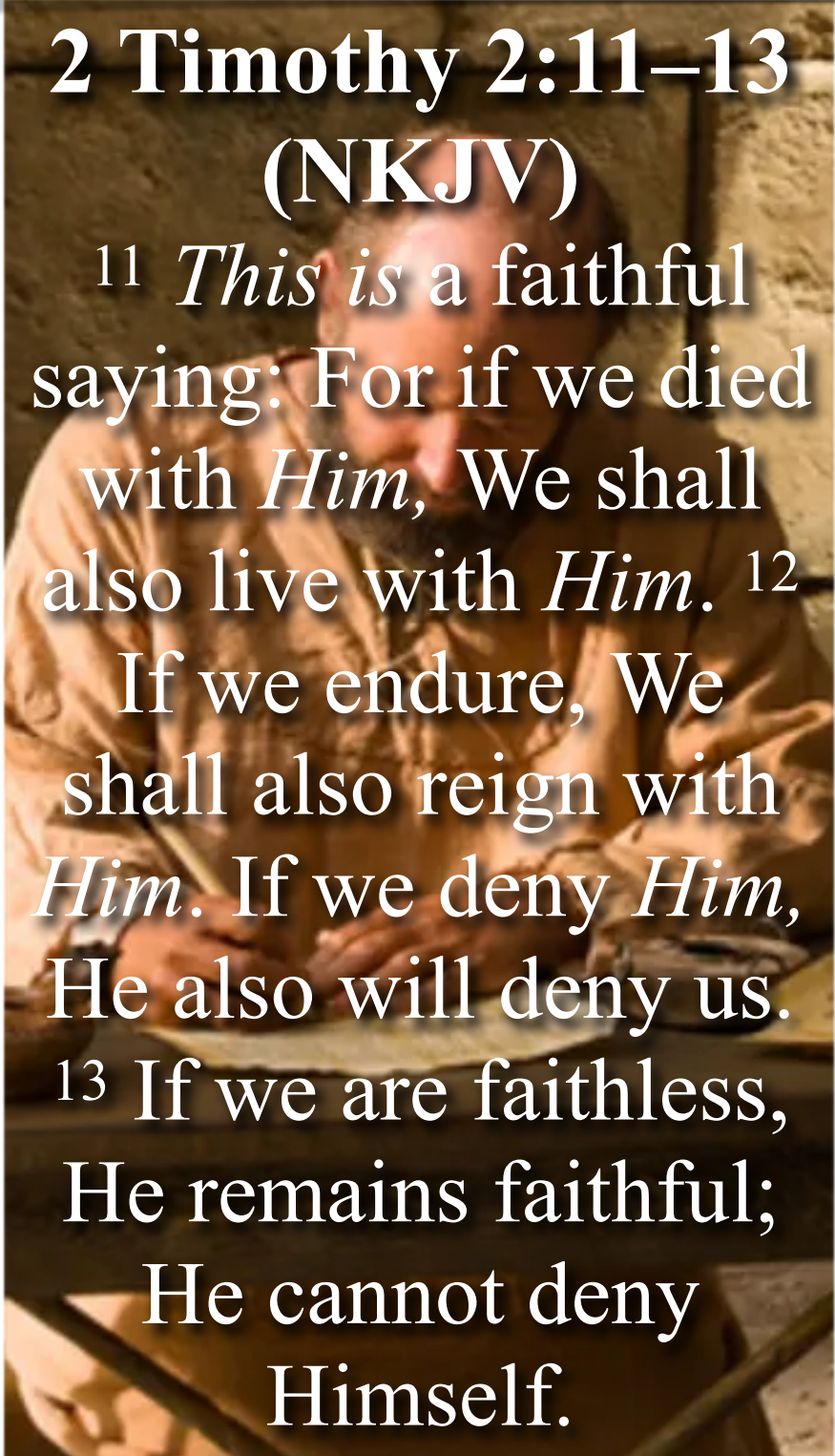
■ The first negative is denying Christ (cf. Matt. 10:33; Mark 8:38; Luke 9:26; 2 Tim. 1:8).

■ Not long after this letter, emperor worship was enforced and demanded of Christians a denial of Christ and honoring the emperor as god.

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■ “If we are faithless”

- ‘If we are untrue to the Lord Jesus in our Christian lives,’ is the idea” (Wuest).
- This second negative deals with fidelity, or loyalty and faithfulness in every respect - if we become unfaithful.

■ “He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.”

- Should not be understood to say that even if we become unfaithful, Christ will give us eternal life anyway!
- He keeps his promise whether of reward or punishment. His nature demands it!

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■ “If we are faithless”

- Unfruitful branches will be cut off the vine (John 15:1-0)
- The example of the Jews who were saved from Egyptian bondage (1 Cor. 10:1-13; Heb. 3:7-19)
- If we become unfaithful, we will forfeit our hope (Heb. 10:26-39)

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■ **GOOD WILL KEEP HIS PROMISES ...**

◆ God CANNOT LIE (Nu. 23:19. Tit. 1:2. He. 6:18)

◆ God will reward the faithful as He has said (Titus 1:2; 1 Th. 5:24)

◆ God will punish the wicked as He has said (2 Pet. 3:1-14)

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**Have you died with
Christ that you may live
with Him?**

**Are we enduring that we
may reign with Him?**

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**THE CROSS COMES
BEFORE THE CROWN!**

**WE MUST ENDURE,
LOOKING TO JESUS!**

**WE MUST REMAIN
FAITHFUL!**

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**“Standing Strong In
Grace Includes
Following The Rules”
(2 Timothy 2:1-7)**

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Titus 2:11–15 (NKJV)

¹¹ For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, ¹² teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, ¹³ looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works. ¹⁵ Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you.