

**2 Timothy 2:1-26**

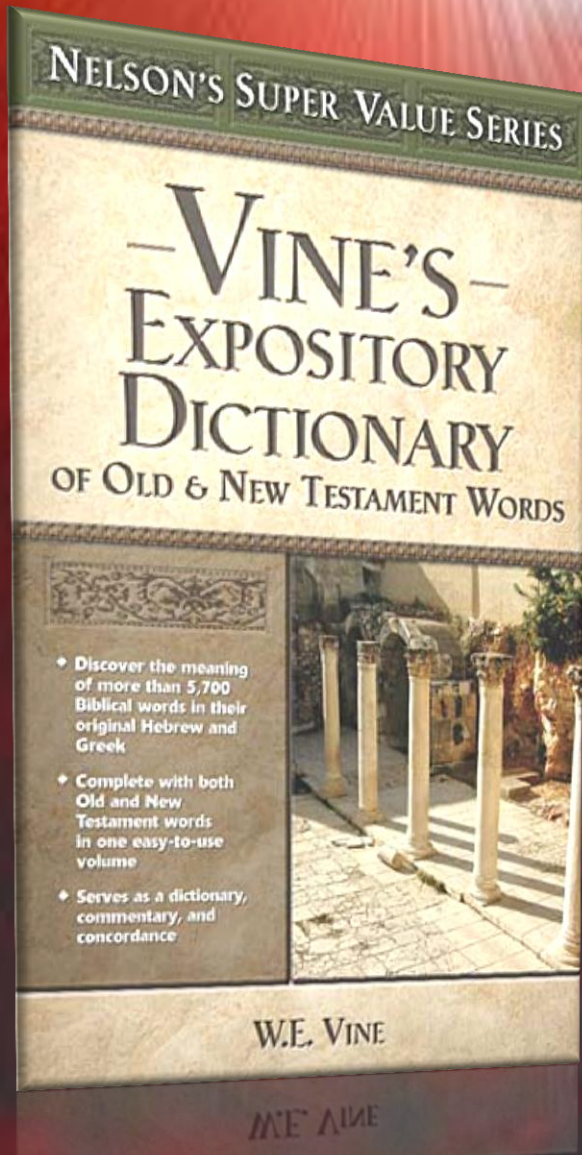
**Be Strong In**

The  
**Grace**  
of God

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... the friendly disposition from which the kindly act proceeds, graciousness, loving-kindness, goodwill generally, e.g., Acts 7:10; especially with reference to the Divine favor or "grace," e.g., Acts 14:26; in this respect there is stress on its freeness and universality, its spontaneous character, as in the case of God's redemptive mercy, and the pleasure or joy He designs for the recipient; thus it is set in contrast with debt, Rom. 4:4, 16, ...

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**God's  
Universal  
Kindness,  
Love &  
Mercy.**

**The  
Basis of  
Salvation**

**The Gracious  
Gift of God's  
Son & The  
Gospel**

**The  
Conditions  
of  
Salvation**

**Faith – Repentance –  
Confession – Baptism  
- Faithfulness**

**The  
Provision  
of  
Salvation**



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## 2 Timothy 2:1-26 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. <sup>3</sup> You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of *this* life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.



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<sup>5</sup> And also if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. <sup>6</sup> The hard-working farmer must be first to partake of the crops. <sup>7</sup> Consider what I say, and may the Lord give you understanding in all things. <sup>8</sup> Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel,

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<sup>9</sup> for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, *even* to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup> *This is* a faithful saying: For if we died with *Him*, We shall also live with *Him*. <sup>12</sup> If we endure, We shall also reign with *Him*. If we deny *Him*, He also will deny us.

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<sup>13</sup> If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself. <sup>14</sup> Remind *them* of these things, charging *them* before the Lord not to strive about words to no profit, to the ruin of the hearers. <sup>15</sup> Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. <sup>16</sup> But shun profane *and* idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness.

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<sup>17</sup> And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort, <sup>18</sup> who have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they overthrow the faith of some. <sup>19</sup> Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity."



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<sup>20</sup> But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. <sup>21</sup> Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work. <sup>22</sup> Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

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<sup>23</sup> But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife. <sup>24</sup> And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, <sup>25</sup> in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, <sup>26</sup> and *that* they may come to their senses *and escape* the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to *do* his will.

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- ◆ **We stand in GRACE by faith**  
– 1:5; Rom. 5:1,2; 1 Cor. 1:24
- ◆ **Standing in the “true grace of God” is conditional** - 1 Peter 5:6-12; (*see entire context of 1 Peter*); Acts 13:43; Gal. 5:4
- ◆ **We are to grow in grace** –  
2 Peter 1:2-11; 3:14-17





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## That Is In Christ Jesus

- ◆ **One cannot be “strong in grace” and not be in Christ**  
– Rom. 8:1,2; 2 Cor. 5:17
- ◆ **All spiritual blessings are in Christ** – Ephesians 1  
*(therefore, there are no spiritual blessings outside of Christ)*

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**“That Is In Christ Jesus” - (2:1)**

## Ephesians 1

**Baptized  
Into**



**Rom. 6:3-6**

**Gal. 3:26,27**

**Acts 2:38,47**

**Outside Christ**

*Lost Without Hope*

**NO spiritual blessings**

**NOT chosen**

**NOT children of God**

**NOT accepted**

**NO redemption**

**NO forgiveness**

**NO heavenly**

**Inheritance**

**Inside Christ**

*Saved / Hope*

**ALL spiritual blessings**

**Chosen**

**A child of God**

**Accepted**

**Redeemed**

**Forgiven**

**A Heavenly**

**Inheritance**



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## Things Necessary In Context



- ◆ **Share gospel with others** – (2:2; [*sound words; pattern; doctrine; source* – 1:13; 3:10,14] cf. Acts 8:4; 1 Thes. 1:8)
- ◆ **Endure hardship as a good soldier** – (2:3,4; 1:18; 1 Tim 6:9-12; 2 Cor. 10:3-5; Eph. 6:10-18)
- ◆ **Compete according to the rules** – (2:5; 4:7,8; 1 Cor. 9:24-27; Heb. 12:1-3)
- ◆ **Work hard like a farmer** – (2:6-13; 1 Cor. 3:6-9; 9:7-11; [*Labor precedes reward* – Luke 8:15; Rom. 2:7; Gal. 6:9; Heb 6:15; 10:36; James 5:7-11; 1 Pet 5:10])



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- ◆ **Diligence – rightly dividing the word of truth** – (2:15; 4:12-16; 2 Cor. 5:9; Heb 5:11-14)
- ◆ **Resist error – correcting error in humility** – (2:14,16-18,23-26; 4:2-5; Gal. 2:4,5,11-14,21; 5:12; Jude 1:3,4)
- ◆ **Depart from lawlessness** – (2:19; Tit 2:14; Mat. 7:21-23; Jn 14:15,21,23,24; Rom 6:1,16-23; 8:1,2; [*follow truth* – 1:13; 3:10,14-17]).
- ◆ **Flee youthful lust** – (2:22; 1 Cor. 3:6-9; 9:7-11; [*Note contrast – pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace, calling with a pure heart*])

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## Are You In Christ?

(Have you by faith been baptized into Him?)

Romans 6:3,4

1Corinthians 12:13

Galatians 3:26,27

Colossians 2:11-13



# **Be Strong In Grace**

**Are You Doing What's Necessary to Stand Strong In The Unmerited Favor of God?**

**Sharing the gospel –**

**Enduring hardship as a good soldier**

**Competing according to the rules**

**Working hard like a farmer**

**Diligently seeking to be approved by God – rightly  
dividing the word of truth**

**Resisting error – correcting error in humility**

**Departing from lawlessness**

**Fleeing lust**





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