

Do Not Be Ashamed

2 Timothy 1:1–18

Because Christ has defeated death, we must refuse shame, share in suffering, and guard the gospel through the Holy Spirit.

I. Remember the history of grace into which God has brought you (1:1–7)

- A. God's grace preceded you and reached you through faithful people.
- B. Fan into flame God's gift by the Spirit of power, love, and self-control.

II. Do not be ashamed: suffer and guard the life-giving gospel (1:8–14)

- A. Christ has abolished death; faithful suffering displays the truth and power of the gospel.
- B. Hold the pattern of sound words and guard the good deposit through the Holy Spirit.

III. Choose the loyalty that will be vindicated on that Day (1:15–18)

- A. Some turned away from Paul when loyalty became costly.
- B. Onesiphorus sought Paul and was not ashamed of his chains.

Question: When loyalty to Christ becomes costly, will we distance ourselves—or remain faithful?