

This is My Gospel! October 12-14, 2019

(2 Timothy 2:8-18) Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, ⁹ for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; ¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us; ¹³ if we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

- 1. Imagine that your friends or coworkers were asked to describe your core values. What would they say that you value? What would they say you believe in?
- 2. 2 Timothy has been called "Paul's Last Will and Testament." In what way does this portion of the letter support that description?
- 3. In v. 8, Paul writes, "This is my gospel." What do the words surrounding that statement say about the <u>content</u> of the gospel?

4. What do the surrounding words say about the <u>effect</u> of the gospel?
5. How would you define "the gospel"?
6. Have you ever "suffered" for the gospel? Explain.
7. Who are the elect? How was Paul's attitude/behavior effected by the elect?
8. What does verse 11 mean?
9. Do verses 11-13 bring you comfort or warning? How so?
10. Who first brought you the gospel?
11. What impact has the gospel had on your heart/life?