

# II Timothy

## Chapter 1

### I. Paul Expressed His Love. - (1-5)

- In Paul's introduction to this epistle he openly and fully expressed his love for Timothy, his son in the faith, and his family.
- Paul and Timothy's relationship had a long history and a deep concern.
- True love last a lifetime.
- People may know you love them but it makes a world of difference for you to tell them you love them and express it verbally.
- Just a few words of appreciation and admiration can take someone in deep water a long, long way!

*A. Promised of Forever* – 1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,

- In ancient times people started out telling you from who the letter was sent. Today we sign the end of the letter.
- Paul was signifying who he was and under what authority he was writing this epistle to Pastor Timothy and the Church at Ephesus.
- Even though this letter is full of love and affection it is also full of serious information, doctrine, and principles that would help Timothy and the Church at Ephesus survive and carry on the work of the Gospel in his absence.
- "***By the will of God***", states that God has a plan and he is in control!
- Paul being in prison was making a strong statement to Timothy to trust God no matter your circumstances around you!
- God knows and he is in control!
- If we surrender to his will and fulfill his plan it will all be okay!
- **II Corinthians 8:4** - Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. 5 And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the ***will of God***.
- "***The promise of life***" could mean eternal life or it could mean this life and the purpose to which we are to fulfill!
- No matter which one, or both, it was promised by the Lord Jesus Christ and that is all that matters!
- If he said it we can bank on it! His promises last forever!
- **Hebrews 9:15** - And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the ***promise of eternal inheritance***.
- **I John 2:25** - And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even ***eternal life***.
- Forever he is with us, forever we are with him, and we can trust Christ Jesus to see us through to do his work.