

A Biblically Shaped Life: Be Proudly His

2 Timothy 1:8-12

Therefore* ...

All the encouragements and admonitions that follow are rooted in this promise: "God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." (v. 7)

So, "tend the fire" of God's work of grace in you so that you continue to _____ (v. 6)

And be _____ in ...

the *power* He provides to _____ what He wills;

the *love* He provides to _____ what He wills;

and the *self-control* He provides to be _____ to what He wills!

Remember: You *are* whomever _____ you to be! You can *do* whatever _____ you to do!

Paul's two strong encouragements to Timothy (and by extension – to us) – v. 8

_____ with Christ, the crucified, raised, and coming King, and with His church!

True Christianity has never been popular or commonly accepted. Instead, it has been universally mocked, ridiculed, and persecuted. You will be _____ on Christ proudly anyway.

_____ – if God so wills – of _____ for the sake of Christ and His gospel.

Persecution is _____ for serious Christians and genuine suffering is _____. But it is a _____ for those who endure it faithfully. (Mt. 5:10; John 15:18-20; 2 Cor. 4:8-12; Col. 1:24; Phil. 1:29; 2 Tim. 3:12)

But Jesus is worth it.

The Gospel of Grace and the impetus to enduring faithfulness – v. 9-10, 12

_____ grace – Before we did or even could do any good works, before we were born, before history, before time, in eternity, God _____ us grace.

_____ grace – In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, the power of God's grace was _____ to and for us as Jesus _____ death and enabled _____.

_____ – In the call of the Gospel we are offered all the riches of God's grace in Christ Jesus if we will _____ and _____.

_____ – Those who believe are progressively and certainly _____ by His Spirit for fellowship with and service to King Jesus.

_____ – God promises to complete His work of grace in us until _____ and _____ in the eternal kingdom!

"... which is why I suffer as I do ..."

Conclusion:

The Gospel is worthy of all our confidence because _____!

Do you *know*? Are you *convinced*?

Will you then be **proudly His**?