

Not In Denial

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Introduction

I. Timothy, Stay Faithful to Minister (2:1-7)

A. Defined by Grace (2:1) *Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.*

B. Disseminate Grace Teaching (2:2) *Trust what you heard from me to men who can teach*

C. Devoted Endurance for the Lord (2:3-6)

Soldier Endures Hardship to Please His Recruiter (2:3-4) *Suffer hardship with me*

Athlete Endeavors to Earn the Victor's Wreath (2:5) *Compete according to the rules*

Farmer's Exertion to Profit from the Harvest (2:6) *Farmer should receive his share*

D. Dovetailing with the Lord (2:7) *God will give you understanding*

II. Paul's Faithful Example (2:8-10)

A. Declaring the Message of the Risen Christ Led to Paul's Imprisonment (2:8-9)

Paul was imprisoned, but God's word was not imprisoned.

B. Decision by Paul to Suffer All Things so the Elect [_____] May Be Rewardable (2:10)

1. Who are the *elect* here?

a. Most NT uses of choose/elect refer to choosing for service.

b. One cannot merely assume the referent of choosing/election.

Consider 1 Peter 1:1-2. Most translations assume that its topic deals with God choosing people for heaven. However, one must ask where one word (*elect*) belongs. My translation will allow it to go in one of two places.

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to _____ Where does
"elect" go?
pilgrims [*parepidēmos*] **of the diaspora** of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, _____ **according to the foreknowledge of God the Father** in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of Jesus Christ's blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

Note how 1 Peter 2:11-12 dovetails with 1:1-2:

Beloved, I urge you as strangers and **pilgrims** [*parepidēmos*] to abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul. Have your behavior excellent **among the Gentiles**, so (in that which they slander you as evildoers), they may (by seeing your good deeds) glorify God in *the* day of visitation.¹

c. Does 2 Timothy 2:10 appear in a context emphasizing eternity past? _____

d. Has prior context spoken of *choosing*? If so, who was chosen for what?

_____ is chosen [_____] for _____ (2: _____)

¹ Peter addresses people who were "**elect pilgrims of the diaspora...according to God the Father's foreknowledge.**" My rendering respects Greek word-order, as do these seven translations: *American Standard Version* (1901), *English Revised Version* (1885), *English Standard Version* (2016), *MacDonald Idiomatic Translation of the NT* (2006), *New American Bible* (1991), *Revised Patriarchal Text* (1904), and *Young's Literal Translation* (1898). Italic words are supplied. (I brought a published interlinear me today.)

¹ Petros	<i>apostolos</i>	<i>īēsou</i>	<i>Christou</i>	eklektōis	parepidēmois	<i>diasporas</i>	<i>Pontou,</i>
1 Peter,	<i>an</i> apostle	of Jesus	Christ,	to the elect	pilgrims	of the diaspora	of Pontus,
<i>Galatias,</i>	<i>Kappadokias,</i>	<i>Asias</i>	<i>kai</i>	<i>Bithunias</i>	2 kata	prognōsin	<i>theou...</i>
Galatia,	Cappadocia,	Asia,	and	Bithynia,	2 according to	the foreknowledge	of God...

B. Decision by Paul to Suffer All Things so the Elect May Be Rewardable (2:10) *Continued*

2. What does *salvation/deliverance* of the *elect* mean here?

III. Faithfulness of God, Even if Paul and Timothy Become Faithless (2:11-13)

A. God's Faithful Promise (2:11a)

It is a trustworthy statement:

B. God's Faithful Promise of Life to Believers (2:11b)

In 2 Timothy who are *we*?

How do people die with Jesus Christ?

For if we died with Him,

Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him. (Romans 6:8)

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. (Galatians 2:20)

For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. (Colossians 3:3)

Life is promised to those who died with Jesus Christ?

We will also live with Him;

C. God's Faithful Promise of Co-Reigning to Enduring Believers (2:12a)

1. The challenge to endure

If we endure,

2. Co-reigning promised to those believers who endure

we will also reign with Him;

[To the first slave, He said:] "Well done, good slave, because you have been faithful in a very little thing, you are to be in authority over ten cities." ... [To the second, He said:] "And you are to be over five cities." (Luke 19:17, 19)

D. God's Faithful Promise to Deny Co-Reigning to AWOL Believers (2:12b)

1. The challenge against denying

If we deny Him,

What does *denial* mean?

Illustration 1: Gerald wants to borrow the family car. Dad says, "No."

Gerald's father denied _____
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Illustration 2: Osama applies for a visa to the United States.

The Dept. of State denies _____
P S

If we (_____ and _____) deny _____ ...

Warning against denial:

Whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him _____
before My Father... (Matt 10:33)

Peter said, "I do not know the Man" (Matt 26:72). Jesus told Peter, "You will deny Me three times" (26:34).

Peter denied Jesus Christ _____
P S

2. Denial of co-reigning is promised to AWOL believers

He will deny us;

He will deny us (_____ and _____) _____.

E. God is Faithful to His Promises Even If Believers Become Faithless (2:13)

If we (_____ and _____) are faithless, He remains faithful,

For He cannot deny Himself _____
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God makes three promises here. He cannot nullify any of them:

Summary of the three promises that God must keep (2:11b-12b)

	(2 Timothy 2:11b) will live with Him.
(2 Timothy 2:12a) _____ believers will co-reign.	(2 Timothy 2:12a) _____ believers will not co-reign.

CONCLUSION