

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

A PILGRIM'S WALK THROUGH

THE NEW TESTAMENT

2 TIMOTHY



Reading: 2 Timothy 4:1-8

Introduction

- 2 Timothy is composed of 4 chapters and 83 verses.
- A prisoner sends a letter of encouragement to a free man.
- We know of at least 4 imprisonments endured by Paul.
- The Philippian prison [Acts 16].
- Imprisoned at Caesarea for 2 years [Acts 23-26].
- Under house arrest in Rome also for 2 years. [Acts 28].
- On death row at the infamous Mamertine prison in Rome.
- NB. About 5 years of Paul's ministry was spent in prison.
- This is Paul's final letter.

1 Six Pen Portraits Of The Christian. [Chapter 2].

- [vs 3-4] A soldier.
- [vs 5] An athlete.
- [vs 6] A farmer.
- [vs 15] A student.
- [vs 20-21] A vessel.
- [vs 24] A servant.

2 Loves And Lovers Of Men And Women [Chapter 3]

- [3:2] '*lovers of themselves.*' (Narcissism.)
- [3:2] '*lovers of money.*'
- [3:4] '*lovers of pleasure.*'
- [3:4] '*lovers of God.*'
- [4:10] '*love this present world.*'
- [4:8] '*love His appearing.*'
- NB. Make sure your '*love life*' is right.

3 The Good, The Bad And The Ugly

- 30 different names mentioned in this brief letter.
- Some are sinners and others are saints.
- Identify whose who and can you find yourself?

4 The I's And The BE's Of Paul

- Paul uses the personal pronoun '*I*' 26 times in the letter.
Note each one as you read through the letter. They give us an insight in his life and ministry.
- Six times Paul urges Timothy to '*be*' something.
Note them: what Timothy needed to '*be*' so do you.

5 Paul's Epitaph [4:6-8]

- [vs 6] Paul's peaceful **PRESENT**.
- NB '*departure*' (Gk. '*analysis*').
- [vs 7] Paul's victorious **PAST**.
- [vs 8] Paul's blissful **FUTURE**.
- Our future can only be blissful if by God's grace our past has been victorious.

6 What happened to Timothy?

- Martyred in Ephesus when he was 80 years of age.
- Protested at the idolatry of the city to the goddess Diana.
- Beaten-dragged through the streets-stoned to death.

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