

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

Second Timothy Bible Study — II Timothy 1:9-12 Lesson #3

****INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the entire section of Scripture in Second Timothy before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God's word. Most Scriptures used are from the New King James Version.

9-10 Who has saved us and **called us with a HOLY CALLING, NOT according to OUR WORKS**, but according to His OWN PURPOSE and GRACE **which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, but has now been REVEALED** by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished DEATH and brought LIFE and IMMORTALITY to light through the gospel.

- **Ephesians 4:4** “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were _____ in one _____ of your _____.”
- **Colossians 3:15** “And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you are _____ in _____; and be thankful.”
- **Ephesians 2:8-9** “For by _____ you have been _____ through _____, and that _____ of yourselves (or your works), it is the _____ of _____; not of _____, lest anyone should boast.”
- **Romans 9:11 & 23-24** “For the children _____ yet being _____, nor having done any good or evil, that the _____ of _____ according to _____ (His choice) might stand, _____ of _____ but of Him who _____ (chooses)...” (Verses 23-24) “And that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of _____, which He had _____ for glory, even _____ whom He _____, _____ of the Jews only, but also of the _____.”

Definition: “Called us with a HOLY CALLING, NOT according to OUR WORKS” – What does God's **CALLING** mean? It means that **God has CHOSEN you and He has a plan for your life**, but that plan is based **entirely on His calling and choosing you** by His grace, **not** based on any works or goodness or intelligence of your own!! (See Ephesians 2:8-10, Titus 3:3-7)

- **Hebrews 5:4** “And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is _____ by _____, just as Aaron was.”
- **Ephesians 1:17-19** “That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to _____ the _____ of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him; the eyes of your understanding would be enlightened; that _____ may _____ what is the _____ of His _____, and what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.”
- **Romans 8:28-31** “And we know that _____ things _____ together for _____ to those who _____ God, to those who are the _____ according to His _____. For whom He foreknew, him He also predestined to be conformed to the image of _____, that He (Jesus) might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover, whom He predestined, these He also _____, whom He _____, these He also _____, and whom He justified, these He also _____.”
- **I Corinthians 1:26-29** “For you see your _____, brethren, that not many _____ according to the flesh, not many _____, not many _____ are _____. But God has _____ the _____ things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the _____ things of the world to put to _____ the things which are mighty; and the base things of the _____.”

world, and the things which are _____ God has _____.”
(verse 29) “That no flesh (no human being) should glory in His _____.”

Definition: “Which was given to us in Christ Jesus BEFORE TIME BEGAN, but has now been REVEALED” – BEFORE TIME BEGAN is the same as “Before the foundation of the world” in Ephesians 1:4. This means God chose us and our names are written in the Book of Life of JESUS, the LAMB of GOD, before we ever accepted Christ, before we were born, and even before God created the world. In Ephesians 1: 5, it is called “being PREDESTINED”. In I Peter 1:2 it is called being “Elect (CHOSEN) according to the foreknowledge of God the Father...” Not only has God CHOSEN US before the world existed, but He KNEW (foreknowledge) how He would save us through the death of His own Son, before He even created man or man sinned.

• **Ephesians 1:4** “Just as He _____ us in Him _____ the foundation of the world, that we should be _____ and without blame before Him in love;”

• **John 15:16** “Jesus said, “You did _____ chose Me, but I _____ you, and _____ you that you should go and bear _____, and that your fruit should remain....”

• **John 6:65** “And He said, ‘Therefore I said unto you, that no man can come unto Me, except it has been _____ to him by My _____.”

• **Revelation 13:8** “...written in the Book of Life of the Lamb which was slain from the _____ of the world.”

• **John 17:24** “Father, I desire that _____ also whom You _____ Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You _____ Me _____ the _____ of the world.”

11-12 To which **I was appointed a PREACHER, an APOSTLE, and a TEACHER of the GENTILES.**

For this reason I also suffer these things, nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that **He is able to KEEP what I have COMMITTED to Him until that DAY.**

• **Galatians 2:9** “And when _____, Cephas (Peter), and John, who _____ to be _____, perceived the _____ that had been given to _____, they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the _____ and they to the _____.”

• **Acts 13:46-48** “Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, ‘It was necessary that the _____ of _____ should be spoken to you (the Jews) first; but since you _____ it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we _____ to the _____. For so the Lord has commanded us, ‘I have set you to be a light to the _____, that you should be for _____ to the _____ of the _____.’ Now when the _____ heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as _____ as had been _____ to _____ life _____.”

Definition: “I was appointed a PREACHER, an APOSTLE, and a TEACHER of the GENTILES” – It is GOD who APPOINTS us and gives us the spiritual gifts of being an apostle, a preacher or a teacher. A person may think they are choosing a CAREER as a pastor or preacher, but it will FAIL unless God Himself has chosen that person and given them the corresponding spiritual gifts.

• **Ephesians 3:7** “Of which I became a _____ according to the _____ of the _____ of God _____ to _____ by the effective _____ of _____ power.”

• **Colossians 1:25** “Of which I became a _____ according to the _____

stewardship from God which was _____ to me for _____, to fulfill the word of God.”

• **Romans 15:15-16** “Nevertheless, brethren, I have written more boldly to you on some points, as reminding you, because of the grace _____ to _____ by _____, That I might be a _____ of Jesus Christ to the _____, ministering the _____ of God, that the offering of the _____ might be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.”

• **Galatians 2:7-8** “But on the contrary, when they saw that the _____ for the _____ had been committed to _____, as the _____ for the _____ was to Peter (for he who worked effectively in Peter for the apostleship to the circumcised also worked effectively in me toward the _____).”

• **Ephesians 3:1-4** “For this reason, I, _____, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you _____ ---- if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the _____ of _____ which was _____ to _____ for you, how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I wrote before in a few words)”

• **Ephesians 3:6-8** “That the _____ should be fellow heirs, of the same _____, and partakers of _____ promise in _____ through the _____, of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God _____ to me by the _____ working of His _____. To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was _____, that I should _____ among the _____ the unsearchable riches of Christ.”

Definition: “The GOSPEL for the UNCIRCUMCISED” – “Uncircumcision” was a term for the Gentiles” - non-Jews. “Circumcision” was a way of referring to the Jews, as circumcision was the “sign” of their covenant with God. **Paul was called by God specifically to preach the gospel to the Gentiles, the non-Jews.** God called Peter to preach mostly to the Jews.

• **Ephesians 2:11** “Therefore remember that _____, who were once _____ in the flesh -- who are called _____ by those who are _____ the _____, in the flesh, made by human hands.”

Definition: “He is able to KEEP what I have COMMITTED to Him until that DAY” – What was it that Paul had committed to the Lord? **It is the same for us, and that is we COMMIT our soul and our LIFE to God when we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior.** We can trust God that He will KEEP (guard) us and FINISH the work He has started in our lives until Jesus returns. And if we die before Jesus returns, we know we will go directly to heaven, and again, it is NOT because WE have kept our lives pure and clean before God, but the HE has made us RIGHTEOUS by our faith in Christ.

• **Romans 8:38-39** “For I am persuaded that neither _____ nor _____, nor _____ nor principalities nor _____, nor things present nor things to come, nor _____ nor _____, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the _____ of _____ which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

• **Ephesians 5:27** “That He might _____ it to Himself a glorious _____, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be _____ and without blemish.”

• **Revelation 19:7-8** “Let us be glad and _____ and give Him glory, for the _____ of the Lamb (Jesus) has come, and His _____ has made herself ready. And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, _____ and _____, for the fine linen is the _____ of the saints (the church).”

- **II Corinthians 11:2** “For I am jealous for you with _____ jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one _____, that I may _____ you as a chaste (pure, undefiled) virgin to _____.”
- **Jude 24** “Now to Him who is able to _____ you from _____, and to _____ you _____ before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to God our Savior....”
- **Colossians 1:21-22** “And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has _____ in the body of His flesh through death, to _____ you _____, and _____, and irreproachable in His sight.”

Definition: “SEPARATE us from the LOVE of GOD” — Our position is “in Christ, seated with Him in heavenly places” — God placed us there, and **we did NOT do anything to earn** that position. God **CHOSE** us, and has given us to Jesus **APART from any goodness or works of our own**, so He is able also to **PRESERVE US** and prevent ANY PERSON or THING from separating us from Himself. **It is NOT WE OURSELVES WHO HOLD ONTO GOD**, but **GOD who HOLDS ONTO US**. **NOTHING can separate us from God** and His love if we are His child through faith in Jesus Christ. God has made a **PROMISE that He will COMPLETE His work in our lives**.

- **Ephesians 2:4-7** “But _____, who is rich in mercy, for His great _____ with which He _____ us, even when we were dead in sins, has _____ us alive together with Christ (by grace are you saved), and has raised us up together, and has _____ us to sit together in _____ places with Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come, He might show the exceeding riches of His _____ in His _____ towards us in Christ Jesus.”
- **Philippians 1:6** “Being _____ of this very thing, that He who has _____ a good _____ in you will _____ it until the day of Jesus Christ.”
- **I Thessalonians 5:23** “Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you (make you HOLY) completely; and may your whole _____, _____, and _____ be _____ blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
- **John 10:26-29** “But you do not believe, because you are _____ of My sheep, as I said to you. My _____ hear My _____, and I _____ them, and they follow Me. And I give them _____ life, and they shall _____ perish; neither shall anyone snatch them _____ of My _____. My Father who has _____ them to _____, is greater than all; and _____ is able to snatch them out of My Father’s _____.”

Definition: “NO ONE is able to SNATCH them out of My Father’s HAND” — No one, not even Satan, can take you out of God the Father’s hand. Some people are so worried and fearful of losing their salvation, **as if their salvation depended on themselves! It does NOT depend on you**. It is God Himself who is holding you carefully, yet firmly and securely in His hand, and **NO ONE or NO THING** can separate you from Almighty God!