

THE GOSPEL UNCHAINED, PART 1

MY DEAR SON

2 Timothy 1:1-2

The gospel of Jesus Christ is unchained and unstoppable.

Introduction

“Goodbye, my son . . .”

Background

Paul is in lonely, cold, and in prison—again.
Timothy needs instruction and encouragement—again.
Paul is preoccupied with the gospel—again.

Guard the GOSPEL of Jesus Christ.

“Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.” (2 Timothy 1:14)

Endure hardship for the GOSPEL of Jesus Christ.

“Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus . . . Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead . . . This is my gospel, for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God’s word is not chained.” (2 Timothy 2:3, 8-9)

Continue in the GOSPEL of Jesus Christ.

“Evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of.” (2 Timothy 3:13-14)

Share the GOSPEL of Jesus Christ.

“In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus . . . I give you this charge: Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.” (2 Timothy 4:1-4)

Foreground

The gospel of Jesus Christ was “good news” for the Greeks and Romans, and it is “good news” for us, too.

Conclusion

The good in “goodbye”