

THE ETERNAL SECURITY OF THE BELIEVER

(2 Timothy 2:11-13)

I. THE INTRODUCTION (1:1-5)

II. PAUL'S APPEAL FOR A BOLDNESS THAT WILL ENDURE SUFFERING (1:6-14)

III. FURTHER CHARGES TO ENDURE HARDSHIP (2:1-10)

IV. THE PREVAILING FAITHFULNESS OF JESUS CHRIST (2:11-13)

A. God is FAITHFUL even when we are not (1:11-13)

1. Some general observations regarding verses 11-13.

a. All four "if's" in these verses are 1st class conditional clauses, they are an _____
_____ ; they could be translated as "since" or "because."

b. Paul uses the personal pronoun "_____" six times and "_____" once, which
certainly includes himself, Timothy and by way of application- _____ believers in Christ.

2. "For if (or since) we died with Him" speaks of our _____ with Christ's
death, burial, and resurrection the day we got saved. (2 Tim. 2:11a; Rom. 6:1-10; Gal. 2:20; Col.
2:20)

* By way of priority, how important should *positional* and *identification* truth be to every
believer?

3. Because we _____ with Christ in the past, we are guaranteed to _____ with Him
in the future; this highlights the _____ of our salvation from beginning to end.
(2:11b)

4. Now that the believer's identity in Christ and future destination are securely settled, according to
v. 12 he/she has two options...

a. The first possibility is if Christians are willing to “_____” persecution and hardship while faithfully serving the Savior, they will receive specific _____ in ruling and reigning with Christ in the kingdom. (2:12a)

b. The second possibility is that Christians will _____ the Redeemer that bought them, and as a result He will deny them future _____ at the Bema judgment. (2:12b)

* Can a believer in Christ lose his/her potential reward due to unfaithfulness and yet still be saved forever by God’s grace?

* How is this verse often misconstrued by false teachers?

5. “*If (or since) we are faithless*” assumes that most Christians will be _____ to the Lord at times throughout their Christian life, some even _____. (2:13a)

6. Thankfully the believer’s lack of faith does _____ in any way the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. (2:13b)

7. The Holy Spirit lives _____ you, and you are a new _____ in Christ, you are a _____ of God, “*He cannot deny Himself.*” (2:13c)

* How can you personally apply this truth?