

**Outline of
the Messages for the Full-time Training
in the Fall Term of 2026**

**GENERAL SUBJECT:
THE CRUCIAL POINTS OF THE TRUTH IN PAUL'S EPISTLES—
FIRST AND SECOND TIMOTHY AND TITUS**

Message Five

The Inoculator

Scripture Reading: 2 Tim. 2:1-7, 15

2 Tim. 2:1-7—You therefore, my child, be empowered in the grace which is in Christ Jesus; ²And the things which you have heard from me through many witnesses, these commit to faithful men, who will be competent to teach others also. ³Suffer evil with *me* as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No one serving as a soldier entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please the one who enlisted *him*. ⁵And also if anyone contends *in the games*, he is not crowned unless he contends lawfully. ⁶The laboring farmer must be the first to partake of the fruit. ⁷Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things.

2 Tim. 2:15—Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, an unashamed workman, cutting straight the word of the truth.

I. The degradation and apostasy of the church took place at the end of the apostle Paul's ministry—cf. 1 Cor. 9:1-2:

cf. 1 Cor. 9:1-2—Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? ²If to others I am not an apostle, yet surely I am to you; for you in the Lord are the seal of my apostleship.

A. All the believers in Asia turned away from Paul's ministry, including Phygelus and Hermogenes—2 Tim. 1:15.

2 Tim. 1:15—This you know, that all who are in Asia turned away from me, of whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes.

B. Hymenaeus and Philetus said that the resurrection had already taken place—2:17-18.

2 Tim. 2:17-18—And their word will spread like gangrene, of whom are Hymenaeus and Philetus, ¹⁸Who concerning the truth have misaimed, saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and overthrow the faith of some.

C. Demas, a co-worker of the apostle Paul, loved the present age and abandoned Paul—4:10.

2 Tim. 4:10—For Demas has abandoned me, having loved the present age, and has gone to Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia; Titus to Dalmatia.

D. Alexander the coppersmith did many evil things to the apostle and greatly opposed the apostles' words—vv. 14-15.

2 Tim. 4:14-15—Alexander the coppersmith did many evil things to me; the Lord will recompense him according to his works. ¹⁵You also guard against him, for he greatly opposed our words.

- E. At the apostle's first defense no one was with him to support him, but all abandoned him—v. 16.

2 Tim. 4:16—At my first defense no one was with me to support me, but all abandoned me. May it not be counted against them.

II. Even during a period of decline, a downward trend when most of God's people are carried away, there is always a remnant who remains faithful—1 Kings 19:14, 18; Rom. 11:5; Ezra 9:8; Neh. 1:3; Hag. 1:14:

1 Kings 19:14—And he said, I have been very jealous for Jehovah the God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, thrown down Your altars, and slain Your prophets with the sword; and I alone am left, and they seek to take my life.

1 Kings 19:18—Yet I have left *Myself* seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed unto Baal and every mouth that has not kissed him.

Rom. 11:5—In the same way then at the present time also there has come into being a remnant according to the selection of grace.

Ezra 9:8—And now for a brief moment favor has been *shown* by Jehovah our God to leave us a remnant to escape and to give us a peg in His holy place, that our God may enlighten our eyes and give us a little reviving in our bondage.

Neh. 1:3—And they said to me, The remnant who are left from the captivity there in the province are in an exceedingly bad state and reproach, and the wall of Jerusalem is broken down and its gates have been burned with fire.

Hag. 1:14—And Jehovah stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, the governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work in the house of Jehovah of hosts their God,

- A. Onesiphorus was an overcomer who resisted the general trend and stood against the downward current to refresh the Lord's ambassador in spirit, soul, and body, not being ashamed of the apostle's imprisonment on behalf of the Lord's commission—2 Tim. 1:16-18.

2 Tim. 1:16-18—May the Lord grant mercy to the house of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chain; ¹⁷But being in Rome, he sought me out diligently and found *me*. ¹⁸May the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord in that day. And in how many things he served *me* in Ephesus, you know best.

- B. Timothy was one who was fully perfected and equipped to minister the word of God, not only in caring for a local church but also in confronting the worsening decline of the church; he was like-souled with the apostle Paul to genuinely care for the church with all the saints and remind them of Paul's ways which were in Christ—3:13-17; Phil. 2:19-22; 1 Cor. 4:17; 1 Tim. 1:16; 4:12.

2 Tim. 3:13-17—But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴But you, continue in the things which you have learned and have been

assured of, knowing from which ones you have learned *them* ¹⁵And that from a babe you have known the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise unto salvation through the faith which is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷That the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work.

Phil. 2:19-22—But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged by knowing the things concerning you. ²⁰For I have no one like-souled who will genuinely care for what concerns you; ²¹For all seek their own things, not the things of Christ Jesus. ²²But you know his approvedness, that as a child with a father he has served with me unto the gospel.

1 Cor. 4:17—Because of this I have sent Timothy to you, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, who will remind you of my ways which are in Christ, even as I teach everywhere in every church.

1 Tim. 1:16—But because of this I was shown mercy, that in me, the foremost, Jesus Christ might display all His long-suffering for a pattern to those who are to believe on Him unto eternal life.

1 Tim. 4:12—Let no one despise your youth, but be a pattern to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

- C. Luke was the beloved physician, a faithful companion of Paul until his martyrdom—Col. 4:14; Philem. 24; 2 Tim. 4:11.

Col. 4:14—Luke, the beloved physician, greets you, as well as Demas.

Philem. 24—As *do* Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, my fellow workers.

2 Tim. 4:11—Luke alone is with me. Take Mark and bring *him* with you, for he is useful to me for the ministry.

- D. Titus walked in the same spirit and in the same steps as Paul to care for the churches—2 Cor. 7:6-7; 12:18; Titus 1:4-5; 3:12; cf. 2 Tim. 4:10.

2 Cor. 7:6-7—But He who comforts those who are downcast, *that is*, God, comforted us by the coming of Titus; ⁷And not only by his coming, but also by the comfort with which he was comforted because of you, declaring to us your longing, your lamentation, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced the more.

2 Cor. 12:18—I entreated Titus and sent with *him* the brother. Titus did not take advantage of you, did he? Did we not walk in the same spirit? In the same steps?

Titus 1:4-5—To Titus, genuine child according to the common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior. ⁵For this cause I left you in Crete, that you might set in order the things *which I have begun* that remain and appoint elders in every city, as I directed you:

Titus 3:12—When I send Artemas to you or Tychicus, be diligent to come to me at Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there.

cf. 2 Tim. 4:10—For Demas has abandoned me, having loved the present age, and has gone to Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia; Titus to Dalmatia.

E. Mark became useful to Paul for the ministry—v. 11; cf. Acts 15:37.

2 Tim. 4:11—Luke alone is with me. Take Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for the ministry.

cf. Acts 15:37—And Barnabas intended to take John, who is called Mark, along with *them* also;

III. Second Timothy is a book written for inoculators, those who would inoculate others against the decline of the church—2:1-7, 15:

2 Tim. 2:1-7—You therefore, my child, be empowered in the grace which is in Christ Jesus; ²And the things which you have heard from me through many witnesses, these commit to faithful men, who will be competent to teach others also. ³Suffer evil with *me* as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No one serving as a soldier entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please the one who enlisted *him*. ⁵And also if anyone contends *in the games*, he is not crowned unless he contends lawfully. ⁶The laboring farmer must be the first to partake of the fruit. ⁷Consider what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things.

2 Tim. 2:15—Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, an unashamed workman, cutting straight the word of the truth.

A. The inoculator is a teacher—v. 2; Eph. 3:2:

2 Tim. 2:2—And the things which you have heard from me through many witnesses, these commit to faithful men, who will be competent to teach others also.

Eph. 3:2—If indeed you have heard of the stewardship of the grace of God which was given to me for you,

1. If someone in a local church has a deposit of the Lord's healthy words, he should train the faithful ones that they too may have a good deposit from the Lord and be competent to teach others—1 Tim. 6:20; 2 Tim. 1:12-14; 2:2.

1 Tim. 6:20—O Timothy, guard the deposit, turning away from profane, vain babblings and oppositions from what is falsely called knowledge,

2 Tim. 1:12-14—For which cause also I suffer these things; but I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that He is able to guard my deposit unto that day. ¹³Hold a pattern of the healthy words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good deposit through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.

2 Tim. 2:2—And the things which you have heard from me through many witnesses, these commit to faithful men, who will be competent to teach others also.

2. We must shepherd the saints with the teaching of God's economy—Eph. 4:11; Col. 1:27-29; cf. 1 Tim. 3:2; 4:11-16:

Eph. 4:11—And He Himself gave some as apostles and some as prophets and some as evangelists and some as shepherds and teachers,

Col. 1:27-29—To whom God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory, ²⁸Whom we announce, admonishing every man and teaching every man in all wisdom that

we may present every man full-grown in Christ; ²⁹For which also I labor, struggling according to His operation which operates in me in power.

cf. 1 Tim. 3:2—The overseer then must be without reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, of a sober mind, orderly, hospitable, apt to teach;

cf. 1 Tim. 4:11-16—Charge and teach these things. ¹²Let no one despise your youth, but be a pattern to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. ¹³Until I come, attend to the public reading, to the exhortation, to the teaching. ¹⁴Do not neglect the gift which is in you, which was given to you by means of prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. ¹⁵Practice these things; be in them, that your progress may be manifest to all. ¹⁶Take heed to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things; for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

- a. We should shepherd people by dispensing the divine life in the humanity of Jesus to cherish them and by teaching them the divine truths in the divinity of Christ to nourish them—Eph. 5:29.

Eph. 5:29—For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ also the church,

- b. Shepherding the flock of God by declaring to them all the counsel of God, the economy of God, protects the church from the destroyers of God's building, mingles them with the Triune God as grace, and binds them together in His oneness—Acts 20:26-30; Eph. 4:14; 1 Tim. 1:3-4; Rom. 16:17; cf. Ezek. 33:1-11; 34:25; Zech. 11:7.

Acts 20:26-30—Therefore I testify to you on this day that I am clean from the blood of all men, ²⁷For I did not shrink from declaring to you all the counsel of God. ²⁸Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among whom the Holy Spirit has placed you as overseers to shepherd the church of God, which He obtained through His own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. ³⁰And from among you yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverted things to draw away the disciples after them.

Eph. 4:14—That we may be no longer little children tossed by waves and carried about by every wind of teaching in the sleight of men, in craftiness with a view to a system of error,

1 Tim. 1:3-4—Even as I exhorted you, when I was going into Macedonia, to remain in Ephesus in order that you might charge certain ones not to teach different things ⁴Nor to give heed to myths and unending genealogies, which produce questionings rather than God's economy, which is in faith.

Rom. 16:17—Now I exhort you, brothers, to mark those who make divisions and causes of stumbling contrary to the teaching which you have learned, and turn away from them.

cf. Ezek. 33:1-11—Then the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, ²Son of man, speak to the children of your people, and say to them, Whenever I bring the sword upon a land and the people of the land take a man from their midst and set him up as their watchman, ³And when he sees the sword come upon the land,

he blows the trumpet and warns the people; ⁴Then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet and ignores the warning, if the sword comes and takes him away, his blood will be on his own head. ⁵He heard the sound of the trumpet and ignored the warning; his own blood will be on him; whereas if he had taken warning, he would have delivered his soul. ⁶But if the watchman sees the sword come and does not blow the trumpet and the people are not warned and the sword comes and takes someone away from them, he is taken away in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand. ⁷It is you, O son of man, whom I have appointed as a watchman to the house of Israel; therefore when you hear the word from My mouth, give them warning from Me. ⁸When I say to the wicked, O wicked man, you will surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man will die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹Yet if you warn the wicked man of his way to turn from it and he does not turn from his way, he will die in his iniquity, and you have delivered your soul. ¹⁰And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, This is what you speak, saying, Our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and because of them we are wasting away. How then can we live? ¹¹Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord Jehovah, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn away from his way and live. Turn away, turn away from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

cf. Ezek. 34:25—And I will make with them a covenant of peace and banish evil beasts from the land, so that they will dwell securely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods.

cf. Zech. 11:7—So I shepherded the flock of slaughter, and thereby the afflicted of the flock. And I took to myself two staffs; one I called Favor, and the other I called Bonds; and I shepherded the flock.

3. The inoculating teacher, as a good minister of Christ Jesus, is nourished with the words of the faith and exercises his spirit to live Christ in his daily life for the church life—1 Tim. 4:6-7.

1 Tim. 4:6-7—If you lay these things before the brothers, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, being nourished with the words of the faith and of the good teaching which you have closely followed. ⁷But the profane and old-womanish myths refuse, and exercise yourself unto godliness.

- B. The inoculator is a soldier—2 Tim. 2:3-4:

2 Tim. 2:3-4—Suffer evil with *me* as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No one serving as a soldier entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please the one who enlisted *him*.

1. The apostle considered their ministry a warfare for Christ, just as the priestly service was considered a military service, a warfare—Num. 4:23, 30, 35; 1 Tim. 1:18; 2 Tim. 4:7.

Num. 4:23—From thirty years old and upward to fifty years old you shall number them, everyone who enters to carry out the service to do the work in the Tent of Meeting.

Num. 4:30—From thirty years old and upward even to fifty years old you shall number them, everyone who enters into the service to do the work of the Tent of Meeting.

Num. 4:35—From thirty years old and upward even to fifty years old, everyone who entered into the service for work in the Tent of Meeting.

1 Tim. 1:18—This charge I commit to you, *my* child Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you might war the good warfare,

2 Tim. 4:7—I have fought the good fight; I have finished the course; I have kept the faith.

2. The Lord's ministry is the sounding of the trumpet for the army to go to war; to war the good warfare is to war against the different teachings of the dissenters and to carry out God's economy according to the apostles' ministry—1 Cor. 14:8; 1 Tim. 1:18; Num. 10:9; Judg. 7:18.

1 Cor. 14:8—For also if the trumpet gives an uncertain sound, who will prepare himself for battle?

1 Tim. 1:18—This charge I commit to you, *my* child Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you might war the good warfare,

Num. 10:9—And when you go to war in your land against the adversary who oppresses you, then you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets, so that you may be remembered before Jehovah your God and be saved from your enemies.

Judg. 7:18—When I and all who are with me blow the trumpet, you also blow the trumpets around all the camp and say, For Jehovah and for Gideon!

3. To fight a good fight for the Lord's interests on this earth, we must clear away all earthly entanglements and lay hold on the eternal life, not trusting in our human life—1 Tim. 4:7; 6:12; cf. 2 Cor. 5:4.

1 Tim. 4:7—But the profane and old-womanish myths refuse, and exercise yourself unto godliness.

1 Tim. 6:12—Fight the good fight of the faith; lay hold on the eternal life, to which you were called and have confessed the good confession before many witnesses.

cf. 2 Cor. 5:4—For also, we who are in this tabernacle groan, being burdened, in that we do not desire to be unclothed, but clothed upon, that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

4. We must be vigilant to fight the battle against death, the last enemy of God, by being filled with life to reign in life—Num. 6:6-7, 9; 2 Cor. 5:4; Rom. 5:17; 8:6, 11.

Num. 6:6-7—All the days that he separates himself to Jehovah he shall not come near a dead person. ⁷He shall not make himself unclean for his father or for his mother, for his brother or for his sister, when they die, because his separation to God is upon his head.

Num. 6:9—And if anyone dies very suddenly beside him so that he defiles the head of his separation, then he shall shave his head on the day he becomes clean; on the seventh day shall he shave it.

2 Cor. 5:4—For also, we who are in this tabernacle groan, being burdened, in that we do not desire to be unclothed, but clothed upon, that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

Rom. 5:17—For if, by the offense of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

Rom. 8:6—For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.

Rom. 8:11—And if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.

5. Our will must be subdued and resurrected by Christ to be like the tower of David, the armory for spiritual warfare—S. S. 4:4; cf. 1 Chron. 11:22.
S. S. 4:4—Your neck is like the tower of David, Built for an armory: A thousand bucklers hang on it, All the shields of the mighty men.

cf. 1 Chron. 11:22—And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man from Kabzeel, was great in mighty deeds. He struck the two *sons* of Ariel the Moabite; he also went down and struck a lion in the midst of a pit on a snowy day.

C. The inoculator is an athlete—2 Tim. 2:5:

2 Tim. 2:5—And also if anyone contends *in the games*, he is not crowned unless he contends lawfully.

1. We must run the Christian race until we finish our course, fully accomplishing our ministry in the unique ministry of God's economy so that we may receive Christ as our prize—4:5; 1 Cor. 9:24-25.

2 Tim. 4:5—But you, be sober in all things, suffer evil, do the work of an evangelist, fully accomplish your ministry.

1 Cor. 9:24-25—Do you not know that those who run on a racecourse all run, but one receives the prize? Run in this way, that you may lay hold. ²⁵And everyone who contends exercises self-control in all things; they then, that they may receive a corruptible crown, but we, an incorruptible.

2. We must subdue our body and make it a conquered captive to serve us as a slave for fulfilling our holy purpose, not by our own effort but by the Spirit—vv. 26-27; Rom. 8:13.

1 Cor. 9:26-27—I therefore run in this way, not as though without a clear aim; I box in this way, not as though beating the air; ²⁷But I buffet my body and make *it* my slave, lest perhaps having preached to others, I myself may become disapproved.

Rom. 8:13—For if you live according to the flesh, you must die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the practices of the body, you will live.

3. We must live the normal church life by pursuing Christ as righteousness, faith, love, and peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart—2 Tim. 2:22.

2 Tim. 2:22—But flee youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

D. The inoculator is a farmer—v. 6:

2 Tim. 2:6—The laboring farmer must be the first to partake of the fruit.

1. The church is God's farm, God's cultivated land, and we are God's fellow workers, working together with Him by an all-fitting life to sow the seed of life into people and water them with the Spirit of life by His healthy words—1 Cor. 3:6, 9; 2 Cor. 6:1a; Luke 8:11; John 7:38; 6:63; 2 Cor. 3:6:

1 Cor. 3:6—I planted, Apollos watered, but God caused the growth.

1 Cor. 3:9—For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's cultivated land, God's building.

2 Cor. 6:1—And working together with *Him*, we also entreat you not to receive the grace of God in vain;

Luke 8:11—Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

John 7:38—He who believes into Me, as the Scripture said, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.

John 6:63—It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words which I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

2 Cor. 3:6—Who has also made us sufficient as ministers of a new covenant, *ministers* not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

- a. The word of God, as a grain of wheat, dispenses God as life into us to nourish us; it is also fire and a hammer to purify us and break down our self, our natural life, our flesh, our lusts, and our concepts—Jer. 23:28-29.
Jer. 23:28-29—The prophet who has a dream, let him tell the dream; and he with whom is My word, let him speak My word faithfully. What is the straw to the grain? declares Jehovah. ²⁹Is not My word thus—like fire, declares Jehovah, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?
- b. God has sent forth His word as rain and snow to water His people in order to sanctify them, transform them, and conform them to His image that the Body may be built up—Isa. 55:8-11; John 17:17; Eph. 5:26.
Isa. 55:8-11—For My thoughts are not your thoughts, And your ways are not My ways, declares Jehovah. ⁹For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, So My ways are higher than your ways, And My thoughts *higher* than your thoughts. ¹⁰For just as the rain comes down And the snow from heaven, And does not return there, Until it waters the earth And makes it bear and sprout forth, That it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater; ¹¹So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me vainly, But it will accomplish what I delight in, And it will prosper in the matter to which I have sent it.

John 17:17—Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

Eph. 5:26—That He might sanctify her, cleansing *her* by the washing of the water in the word,

2. In our contact with the saints, we should have only one motive—to minister Christ to them that they might grow in the Lord—1 Tim. 5:1-2.

1 Tim. 5:1-2—Do not upbraid an elderly man, but exhort *him* as a father, younger men as brothers, ²Elderly women as mothers, younger women as sisters, in all purity.

- E. The inoculator is a workman—2 Tim. 2:15:

2 Tim. 2:15—Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, an unashamed workman, cutting straight the word of the truth.

1. To cut straight the word of the truth means to unfold the word of God in its various parts rightly and straightly without distortion (as in carpentry).
2. There is the need of the word of the truth, rightly unfolded, to enlighten the darkened people, inoculate against the poison, swallow up the death, and bring the distracted back to the proper track—cf. Acts 26:18; Psa. 119:130.

cf. Acts 26:18—To open their eyes, to turn *them* from darkness to light and *from* the authority of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.

cf. Psa. 119:130—The opening of Your words gives light, Imparting understanding to the simple.

3. “The truth should triumph and be king, / And freedom should be queen, / But falsehood, which has rampant run, / Head of the world is seen. / We ask Thee, Truth, to quickly come / And bring Thy light from heav’n; / The foe be crushed and all Thy sons / Into Thy bosom giv’n”—*Hymns*, #960, stanza 8.