Outline of
the Messages for the Full-time Training
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GENERAL SUBJECT:
THE CRUCIAL POINTS OF THE TRUTH IN PAUL'S EPISTLES —
FIRST AND SECOND TIMOTHY AND TITUS

Message Thirteen

The Lord Being with Our Spirit to Be Our Empowering Grace

Scripture Reading: 2 Tim. 4:22; 1:6-7; 2:1

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2 Tim. 1:6-7—For which cause I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. [7]For God has not given us a spirit of cowardice, but of power and of love and of sobermindedness.

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I. The Lord is with our spirit that we may enjoy Him as our empowering grace to stand against the downward current of the church's decline and carry out God's economy through His indwelling Spirit and equipping word for the building up of the church as the corporate expression of God—1 Tim. 4:6-7; 2 Tim. 1:6-7; 2:1; 1:14; 3:16-17:

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. [7]But the profane and old-womanish myths refuse, and exercise yourself unto godliness.

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2 Tim. 2:1—You therefore, my child, be empowered in the grace which is in Christ Jesus;

2 Tim. 1:14—Guard the good deposit through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.

2 Tim. 3:16-17—All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, [17]That the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work.

A. Second Timothy begins with our God-given spirit fanned into flame and ends with the Lord being with our spirit to be our empowering grace as the unsearchably rich capital of our Christian life and church life—1:6-7; 4:22; Eph. 2:7; 3:8.

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Eph. 2:7—That He might display in the ages to come the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Eph. 3:8—To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel

B. Second Timothy begins with the wonderful Christ as our saving grace, continues with Him as our empowering grace, and ends with Him as our ever-present grace—1:9-10; 2:1; 4:22.
Eph. 1:9-10—Making known to us the mystery of His will according to His good pleasure, which He purposed in Himself, [10]Unto the economy of the fullness of the times, to head up all things in Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth, in Him;

Eph. 2:1—And you, though dead in your offenses and sins,

Eph. 4:22—That you put off, as regards your former manner of life, the old man, which is being corrupted according to the lusts of the deceit,

II. "The last Adam became a life-giving Spirit" (1 Cor. 15:45), "the Lord is the Spirit" (2 Cor. 3:17), "the Lord be with your spirit" (2 Tim. 4:22), and "he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit" (1 Cor. 6:17):

A. The Lord as the Spirit with our spirit, the two spirits mingled together as one spirit, is the key to the spiritual fellowship of the regenerated tripartite believers with the consummated Triune God—Rom. 8:16; John 4:24; Rom. 1:9.
Rom. 8:16—The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God.

John 4:24—God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truthfulness.

Rom. 1:9—For God is my witness, whom I serve in my spirit in the gospel of His Son, how unceasingly I make mention of you always in my prayers,

B. The Lord as the Spirit with our spirit, the two spirits working together as one spirit, is the skillfulness, the secret, of all the aspects of God's organic salvation—8:16; John 3:6; Titus 3:5; Eph. 4:23; 2 Cor. 3:17-18.
Rom. 8:16—The Spirit Himself witnesses with our spirit that we are children of God.

John 3:6—That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Titus 3:5—Not out of works in righteousness which we did but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit,

Eph. 4:23—And *that* you be renewed in the spirit of your mind

2 Cor. 3:17-18—And the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. [18]But we all with unveiled face, beholding and reflecting like a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord Spirit.

III. Grace is the circulating Triune God working, flowing, communicating, transporting, transmitting, and dispensing all that He is into us for our enjoyment; the entire church life depends on grace as the circulation of the Divine Trinity within us—13:14; 1 Pet. 5:10; cf. Heb. 12:28a:

2 Cor. 13:14—The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

1 Pet. 5:10—But the God of all grace, He who has called you into His eternal glory in Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a little while, will Himself perfect, establish, strengthen, *and* ground *you.*

cf. Heb. 12:28—Therefore receiving an unshakable kingdom, let us have grace, through which we may serve God well-pleasingly with piety and fear;

A. The first case in the New Testament of grace is the case of God's incarnation—John 1:14, 16-17:
John 1:14—And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

John 1:16-17—For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. [17]For the law was given through Moses; grace and reality came through Jesus Christ.

1. Mary was graced by God and found grace with God because He came to visit her, and He entered into her and stayed in her to be the very essence of her conceiving a wonderful person, who would be both God and man, a God-man—Luke 1:28-30, 35; Matt. 1:18, 20.
Luke 1:28-30—And he came to her and said, Rejoice, you who have been graced! The Lord is with you. [29]And she was greatly troubled at this saying and began reasoning what kind of greeting this might be. [30]And the angel said to her, Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found grace with God.

Luke 1:35—And the angel answered and said to her, The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore also the holy thing which is born will be called the Son of God.

Matt. 1:18—Now the origin of Jesus Christ was in this way: His mother, Mary, after she had been engaged to Joseph, before they came together, was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit.

Matt. 1:20—But while he pondered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife, for that which has been begotten in her is of the Holy Spirit.

2. In this principle, grace is God's visitation to stay in us, to be born in us, to be one with us, and even to become us—Gal. 1:15-16; 2:20; 4:19; Phil. 1:21a.
Gal. 1:15-16—But when it pleased God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, [16]To reveal His Son in me that I might announce Him as the gospel among the Gentiles, immediately I did not confer with flesh and blood,

Gal. 2:20—I am crucified with Christ; and *it is* no longer I *who* live, but *it is* Christ *who* lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the *faith* of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Gal. 4:19—My children, with whom I travail again in birth until Christ is formed in you,

Phil. 1:21—For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

B. Grace is the wonderful Christ as the embodiment of the Triune God in three aspects: what He is, what He gives, and what He does on our behalf for our enjoyment; He can be everything to us as grace because He has been processed and consummated to be the life-giving Spirit indwelling our spirit—Gal. 6:18; Phil. 4:23; Philem. 25:
Gal. 6:18—The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

Phil. 4:23—The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Philem. 25—The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

1. Grace is the wonderful Christ in what He is—John 1:14, 17; 8:58; Rom. 5:17, 21; 1 Cor. 15:10; cf. Gal. 2:20.
John 1:14—And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

John 1:17—For the law was given through Moses; grace and reality came through Jesus Christ.

John 8:58—Jesus said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Before Abraham came into being, I am.

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. 5:21—In order that just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness unto eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Cor. 15:10—But by the grace of God I am what I am; and His grace unto me did not turn out to be in vain, but, on the contrary, I labored more abundantly than all of them, yet not I but the grace of God which is with me.

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2. Grace is the wonderful Christ given to us, dispensed into us, superabounding with faith and love in Christ Jesus—1 Tim. 1:14:
1 Tim. 1:14—And the grace of our Lord superabounded with faith and love in Christ Jesus.

   a. If we are short of something, this shortage is our opportunity to be supplied with more of Christ as grace to meet our timely need for our growth in Him—Heb. 4:16; Rom. 5:17; 2 Cor. 12:7-9; 1 Pet. 5:5.
   Heb. 4:16—Let us therefore come forward with boldness to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace for timely help.

   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.

   2 Cor. 12:7-9—And because of the transcendence of the revelations, in order that I might not be exceedingly lifted up, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, that he might buffet me, in order that I might not be exceedingly lifted up. [8]Concerning this I entreated the Lord three times that it might depart from me. [9]And He has said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness. Most gladly therefore I will rather boast in my weaknesses that the power of Christ might tabernacle over me.

   1 Pet. 5:5—In like manner, younger men, be subject to elders; and all of you gird yourselves with humility toward one another, because God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.

   b. When we cannot do anything, when we are not able to move, and when we have no strength, that is the time to trust in and enjoy the supply of God as grace—S. S. 8:5-6; Heb. 11:21; Gen. 47:29, 31.
   S. S. 8:5-6—Who is this who comes up from the wilderness, Leaning on her beloved? I awakened you under the apple tree: There your mother was in labor with you; There she was in labor *and* brought you forth. [6]Set

me as a seal on your heart, As a seal on your arm; For love is as strong as death, Jealousy is as cruel as Sheol; Its flashes are the flashes of fire, A flame of Jehovah.

Heb. 11:21—By faith Jacob, while he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph and worshipped *God, while leaning* on the top of his staff.

Gen. 47:29—And the time for Israel to die drew near. And he called his son Joseph and said to him, If now I have found favor in your sight, please put your hand under my thigh and deal with me in kindness and truth. Please do not bury me in Egypt;

Gen. 47:31—And he said, Swear to me; and he swore to him. Then Israel bowed himself at the head of his bed.

3. Grace is the wonderful Christ doing everything in us on our behalf:
   a. Grace is Christ as our burden bearer—1 Cor. 15:10, 58; 2 Cor. 12:9; Phil. 4:6-7; Isa. 9:6.
   1 Cor. 15:10—But by the grace of God I am what I am; and His grace unto me did not turn out to be in vain, but, on the contrary, I labored more abundantly than all of them, yet not I but the grace of God which is with me.

   1 Cor. 15:58—Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

   2 Cor. 12:9—And He has said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness. Most gladly therefore I will rather boast in my weaknesses that the power of Christ might tabernacle over me.

   Phil. 4:6-7—In nothing be anxious, but in everything, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; [7]And the peace of God, which surpasses every *man's* understanding, will guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.

   Isa. 9:6—For a child is born to us, A Son is given to us; And the government Is upon His shoulder; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

   b. Those who wait on the eternal God (who stop themselves with their living, doing, and activity and receive God in Christ as their life, person, and replacement) will experience the resurrection power of Christ as grace to support, sustain, strengthen, cover, and protect them—2 Cor. 12:9; Isa. 40:31; Ezek. 1:8; Psa. 17:8; 57:1; 63:7; 91:4.
   2 Cor. 12:9—And He has said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness. Most gladly therefore I will rather

boast in my weaknesses that the power of Christ might tabernacle over me.

Isa. 40:31—Yet those who wait on Jehovah will renew *their* strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles; They will run and will not become weary; They will walk and will not faint.

Ezek. 1:8—And the hands of a man were under their wings on their four sides. And the four of them had their faces and their wings *thus:*

Psa. 17:8—Guard me like the pupil of *Your* eye; In the shadow of Your wings hide me

Psa. 57:1—Be gracious to me, O God, be gracious to me; For my soul takes refuge in You; Indeed in the shadow of Your wings I will take refuge, Until the destruction passes by.

Psa. 63:7—For You have been my help, And in the shadow of Your wings I will shout for joy.

Psa. 91:4—With His pinions He will cover You, And under His wings You will take refuge; His truth is a shield and a buckler.

c. We need to be empowered in the grace which is in Christ Jesus (2 Tim. 2:1) to be good stewards of the varied grace of God (1 Pet. 4:10; Eph. 3:2; 4:29) as teachers (2 Tim. 2:2), soldiers (vv. 3-4), athletes (v. 5), farmers (v. 6), workmen (v. 15), and vessels unto honor (v. 21).
2 Tim. 2:1—You therefore, my child, be empowered in the grace which is in Christ Jesus;

1 Pet. 4:10—Each one, as he has received a gift, ministering it among yourselves as good stewards of the varied grace of God.

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

Eph. 4:29—Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but only that which is good for building up, according to the need, that it may give grace to those who hear.

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

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

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

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

2 Tim. 2:21—If therefore anyone cleanses himself from these, he will be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, useful to the master, prepared unto every good work.

C. We need to realize the following basic things and put them into practice so that we may be daily and continually empowered in the grace of Christ—v. 1:
2 Tim. 2:1—You therefore, my child, be empowered in the grace which is in Christ Jesus;

1. We need to be lovers of God to counteract the grievous days of the church's decline with the outward form of godliness and to bring in a day of glory in the church's victory—3:1-5; 1 Tim. 3:15-16a.
2 Tim. 3:1-5—But know this, that in the last days difficult times will come. [2]For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boasters, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, [3]Without natural affection, implacable, slanderers, without self-control, savage, not lovers of good, [4]Traitors, reckless, blinded with pride, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, [5]Having an outward form of godliness, though denying its power; from these also turn away.

1 Tim. 3:15-16—But if I delay, *I write* that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and base of the truth. [16]And confessedly, great is the mystery of godliness: He who was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the nations, Believed on in the world, Taken up in glory.

2. We need to fan our God-given spirit into flame—a spirit of power, love, and sobermindedness—to stand against the downward current in the declining churches—2 Tim. 1:6-8.
2 Tim. 1:6-8—For which cause I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. [7]For God has not given us a spirit of cowardice, but of power and of love and of sobermindedness. [8]Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord nor of me His prisoner; but suffer evil with the gospel according to the power of God;

3. We need to care for the testimony of our conscience by conducting ourselves in the grace of God—2 Cor. 1:12; Acts 24:16; 1 Tim. 1:19; 2 Tim. 1:3.
2 Cor. 1:12—For our boasting is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in singleness and sincerity of God, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we have conducted ourselves in the world, and more abundantly toward you.

Acts 24:16—Because of this I also exercise myself to always have a conscience without offense toward God and men.

1 Tim. 1:19—Holding faith and a good conscience, *concerning* which some, thrusting *these* away, have become shipwrecked regarding the faith;

2 Tim. 1:3—I thank God, whom I serve from *my* forefathers in a pure conscience, while unceasingly I have remembrance concerning you in my petitions night and day,

4. We need to guard the deposit of the healthy words of God's economy, which He has stored in us, through the Spirit who is indwelling us—vv. 12-14; 1 Tim. 6:20.
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. [13]Hold a pattern of the healthy words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. [14]Guard the good deposit through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us.

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

5. We need to inhale the God-breathed Scripture by means of all prayer so that we can be men of God with the breath of God who exhale God into others—2 Tim. 3:14-17.
2 Tim. 3:14-17—But you, continue in the things which you have learned and have been assured of, knowing from which ones you have learned *them* [15]And 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. [16]All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for conviction, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, [17]That the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work.

6. We need to continue in and be immersed in the healthy teaching of God's economy for God's pleasure and stand against the degrading tide of those who heap up to themselves teachers, having itching ears that seek pleasant speaking for their own pleasure—1 Tim. 4:6-16; 2 Tim. 4:2-5.
1 Tim. 4:6-16—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. [7]But the profane and old-womanish myths refuse, and exercise yourself unto godliness. [8]For bodily exercise is profitable for a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the present life and of that which is to come. [9]Faithful is the word and worthy of all acceptance. [10]For to this end we labor and strive, because we have set our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. [11]Charge and teach these things. [12]Let no one despise your youth, but be a pattern to the believers in word, in conduct, in

love, in faith, in purity. [13]Until I come, attend to the public reading, to the exhortation, to the teaching. [14]Do 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. [15]Practice these things; be in them, that your progress may be manifest to all. [16]Take 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.

2 Tim. 4:2-5—Proclaim the word; be ready in season *and* out of season; convict, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and teaching. [3]For the time will come when they will not tolerate the healthy teaching; but according to their own lusts they will heap up to themselves teachers, having itching ears, [4]And they will turn away their ear from the truth and will be turned aside to myths. [5]But you, be sober in all things, suffer evil, do the work of an evangelist, fully accomplish your ministry.

7. We need to flee youthful lusts and pursue Christ as righteousness, faith, love, and peace, calling on His name out of a pure heart in our prayer and praise to Him "with those" in the practice of the normal church life—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.

8. We need to continually exercise our spirit to enjoy the riches of Christ as the all-sufficient grace so that we may live Him as our godliness for the building up of the church as His testimony, bearing all the divine realities (truths) according to God's economy—4:22; 2:1; 1 Tim. 4:7; 3:15-16.
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D. The grace of the Lord Jesus must be with each one of us in every aspect of our daily life because we are saints; this grace consummates in the New Jerusalem as the consummation of God's good pleasure in joining and mingling Himself with man for His glorious enlargement and eternal expression—Rev. 22:21.
Rev. 22:21—The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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