

FIVE FAITHFUL SAYINGS OF THE APOSTLE PAUL

1 Timothy 1:15

Intro: The faithfulness that Paul speaks of is to be convinced that Jesus is the Messiah and that He has been raised from the dead.

The Greek word for “faithful” is *pistos* meaning: “believing, confiding, trusting.” In the New Testament in particular, it tells of one who is trusting in God’s promises, especially of the promise of the resurrection.

Are you convinced that Christ died for your sins and rose again the third day according to the scriptures?

Let’s take a look at these five faithful sayings of Paul.

I. THE FAITHFUL SAYING CONCERNING SALVATION (1 Tim. 1:15)

A. This is the verse that started the modern missionary movement. Andrew Fuller, Baptist pastor in England, believed that the gospel was for everyone and that it needed to be preached everywhere.

1. “Fuller championed the cause of foreign missions but strongly defended the Doctrines of Grace, The modern missions movement was founded on a thorough going commitment to the absolute sovereignty of God, coupled with uncompromising insistence upon the responsibility of man.”

2. Is the message of the Gospel worthy of all acceptance?

B. 1 Timothy 1:16-17.

1. Because the Gospel is worthy of all acceptance, Paul was saved. You cannot be too mean to be saved.

2. Paul obtained mercy- he did not get what he deserved (Titus 3:5 “Not by works of righteousness...”).

II. THE FAITHFUL SAYING CONCERNING SERVICE (1 Tim. 3:1)

A. There is a need for men to enter the ministry. I believe that God is calling, and men are refusing the call. We need men who will set their hand to the plow and not look back.

B. We are, as Christians, to have an attitude of service one toward the other (Galatians 5:13).

1. On the job, you are a servant to your Lord and the company.

2. Servants are laying up treasures in heaven (Matt. 6:19-21).

III. THE FAITHFUL SAYING CONCERNING SUFFERING (1 Tim. 4:9-10)

A. If you do anything, you will suffer reproach. If you do not want to be criticized, don't do anything. In the ministry as well as elsewhere, the saying stands: "No pain, no gain."

1. One of the easiest things to find is fault.
2. It is smart to pick your friends, but not to pieces.
3. Knock your friends often enough, and soon you will find no one at home.

B. "They that live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (2 Tim. 3:12).

IV. THE FAITHFUL SAYING ON RECOMPENSE (2 Tim. 4:11-13)

A. 2 Tim. 2:11 is well explained by Galatians 2:20. We are dead yet alive.

B. Romans 5:5-9

V. THE FAITHFUL SAYING OF TESTIMONY (Titus 3:8)

A. How you live is important. We are not antinomian. Grace is the liberty to serve not the license to sin.

B. "Affirm constantly"-- We are to live as Christians day in and day out. We are never on vacation from our faith.

1. "Affirm" to assert with confidence.
2. Those who have believed are to be mindful of their testimony.

C. "Maintain" means to guard, to protect, to be the guardian of. It also means to care for.

1. Do you care enough about Jesus to maintain a good testimony?

2. Remember 2 Corinthians 5:17: "Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature..."

Conclusion: May our Lord find us faithful (Matthew 25:21)