



A TRUSTWORTHY STATEMENT

2 Timothy 2.11-13





CONTEXT OF 2 TIMOTHY

- ***Paul writing at the end of his life.***
 - 2 Timothy 4.6-7
- ***It is a letter of encouragement for Timothy to not abandon his charge.***
 - 2 Timothy 1.12-15; 2.3; 4.1-2
- ***This is a letter of reminder.***
 - 2 Timothy 1.6; 2.2
 - Timothy is reminded, specifically, of a trustworthy statement (2.11-13).



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➤ ***“If we died with Him, we will also live with Him.” (11)***

- Paul has just spoken of salvation in Jesus and his confidence in that salvation (2.10).
- Paul reveals we die with Christ when we are baptized – consequently, we rise to life with Him (Col. 2.11-13).
- Our new life is indeed with Christ (Col. 3.1-3).

➤ ***“If we endure, we will also reign with Him.” (12)***

- Paul turns his attention here to eternity – we are with Him if we endure (2 Timothy 4.7-8).
- We are with Christ in glory if we endure (Col. 3.4).



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➤ *"If we deny Him, He also will deny us." (12)*

- There are two realities to the truth – and our response to Christ determines which reality we experience.
- Endurance and spiritual life spare us from His denial.
- Inescapable conclusion – obedience is important!

➤ *"If we are faithless, He remains faithful." (13)*

- We can't hope to live in rebellion and experience redemption (2.16-18).
- Our active faithlessness (denial) will not be rescued by the richness of His grace.



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➤ *"He cannot deny Himself." (13)*

- Christ's faithfulness embraces not only us, but His word and His nature.
- Christ cannot deny Himself by saving the faithless and deniers – their decision has been made and Christ will not compel their submission in this life.
- Neither can Christ deny Himself by abandoning the faithful and enduring – those who run the race and finish the course receive the crown and His eternal fellowship.