

Gospel Veracity? (Part 1)

2 Timothy 3:14-16 (Series: Declaring the Gospel)

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III. Understanding the last days (3:1-17)

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 2. Living a godly life leads to persecution (v. 12-13)
 - a. All who desire to live a godly life will be persecuted (v. 12) (c.f. Matt. 10:22, 24:9; Lk. 21:12; Jn. 15:19-20, 16:12)
 - b. Evil people/imposters will increase [in their own error and commitment to it] (v. 13)
 - 1.) They deceive others (v. 13a) (cf. 2 Cor. 11:14)
 - 2.) They are themselves deceived (v. 13 b) (c.f. 2 Cor. 4:3-4; 1 Tim. 4:1)
 3. The _____ of the gospel (v. 14-17)
 - a. _____ in the truth (v. 14a)
 - 1.) You have _____.
 - 2.) You have _____ (“been assured of” – KJV)
 - b. Confidence in the source (v. 14b-15)
 - 1.) Those who taught him (v. 14b-15a)
 - i. Paul
 - ii. From childhood (mother, grandmother)
 - 2.) The “sacred writings”
 - i. Able to make you wise for _____
 - ii. Through _____ in Christ Jesus
 - 3.) All _____ (v. 16-17)
 - i. _____ by God (c.f. 2 Pet. 1:19-21)

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Pastor’s Note: In 2 Timothy 3:14-16, Paul lays the foundation for Timothy’s faith and ours as being “Gospel Veracity.” It boils down to the question of can we trust it (veracity)? This message may cause offense, but it is important to know upon what foundation your faith is built, and if it is a reliable one. If you have no faith, maybe you should consider this foundation.