

Text: 2 Timothy 2:8-13
Topics: Christianity, Endurance, Hardship
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Hardships of the Christian Life?

I. Remember the Christ (8)

Knowing Jesus is reason to endure the hardships of living a Christian life!

II. Remember the Chosen (9-10)

The need of others to hear of salvation is reason to endure the hardships of the Christian life!

III. Remember the Conditions (11-13)

The gift of new life and eternal security are reasons to endure the hardships of the Christian life!

The person of Jesus, the need of others, and the gift of eternal life are reasons to endure the hardships of fully living the Christian life!

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. What are some of the things you have given up, and some of the things you are currently giving up, to live the Christian life? Has it been difficult?

2. Read Paul's reflection on his own life and that of Christ in 1 Corinthians 15:9; Ephesians 3:8; Philippians 2:5-8; and 1 Timothy 1:15. How did he continue to see himself and see Christ? What effect did it have on him?

What thoughts come to mind when you reflect on your life in relation to Christ? What effect does it have on you?

3. What do John 5:29; Hebrews 9:27; and Revelation 20:12 tell us? What do John 14:6; Acts 4:12; and 1 Timothy 2:5 tell us?

What has been your experience in trying to help people know these two truths?

What is your motivation to tell others? What gives, and what takes away, your motivation to tell others?

4. Write out a few statements of what Ephesians 2:8-9 and John 10:27-28 mean concerning your life. For example: I have been...I am...

In what ways are these truths having an effect on your life?

5. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?