

This sermon is not necessarily aimed at anyone here. It is just what I feel God put on my heart. Perhaps it is for out there in the online world.

When pastors get together, they often talk about their frustrations. And they lament, 'Why, oh why, do Christians insist on doing destructive things and living like the ungodly?'

I have been torn between preaching a hopeful sermon and a warning sermon. I know that you need hope today; but maybe you need warning more.

2 Tim 2:19:

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Perhaps we ought to do some of the context. The Apostle Paul is writing to his protégé' the missionary Timothy. Here is a little context:

A Workman Approved by God

2Ti 2:14 Keep reminding them of these things. Warn them before God against quarreling about words; it is of no value, and only ruins those who listen. 2Ti 2:15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth. 2Ti 2:16 Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly. 2Ti 2:17 Their teaching will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, 2Ti 2:18 who have wandered away from the truth. They say that the resurrection has already taken place, and they destroy the faith of some.

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2Ti 2:20 In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for noble purposes and some for ignoble. 2Ti 2:21 If a man cleanses himself from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.

2Ti 2:22 Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

2Ti 2:23 Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. 2Ti 2:24 And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. 2Ti 2:25 Those

who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, ^{2Ti 2:26} and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.

Godlessness in the Last Days:

^{2Ti 3:1} But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. ^{2Ti 3:2} People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,

Saved FROM s_____ not saved IN s_____ nor especially, saved TO s_____.

T.U.L.I.P.

P is where we get, 'Once saved always saved.' Though this may well be Scriptural, there is much harm done through the misapplication of it... But first, let's get some context...

Context:

- ___ = Total Depravity
- ___ = Unconditional Election
- ___ = Limited Atonement
- ___ = Irresistible Grace
- ___ = Perseverance of the Saints

Saved at The C_____.

Verse: 1st Peter 2:24

Saved in our h_____.

Verses: Romans 10:9-10

Saved at the T_____.

Verse: Hebrews 9:10

Salvation b_____

Salvation s_____

Salvation g_____

Beware of 'Salvation t_____'

Answer key: TULIProssearthroneoughtoughtthought

Song Lyrics for Singing Along in Worship:

Jesus Lover of My Soul

It's all about You, Jesus
And all this is for You
For Your glory and your fame
It's not about me
As if You should do things my way
You alone are God
And I surrender to Your ways
Jesus, lover of my soul
All consuming fire is in Your gaze
Jesus, I want you to know
I will follow You all my days
For no one else in history is like You
And history itself belongs to You
Alpha and Omega, You have loved me
And I will share eternity with You
It's all about You, Jesus
And all this is for You
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