2 Timothy 2:8-13

v. 8 – In light of the context of suffering, why does Paul tell Timothy to remember Jesus Christ? (Heb. 12:1-3)

Why does he call the gospel “my gospel”? (Rom. 2:16; Rom. 16:25; Gal. 2:7; 1 Tim. 1:11)

v. 9 -- How is God’s sovereignty over the spread of His Word a comfort to Paul in prison? (Is. 55:10-11; Job 42:1-2; Ps. 33:10-11)

How does verse 10 help the pastor, missionary and church keep properly focused?

How will a church focused on the elect be different from a church focused on “winning the lost”? (Jn. 10:1-5, 14-16)

How does the doctrine of election help pastors, missionaries and churches persevere and endure hardship?

Consider what Paul endured for the sake of the elect: 2 Cor. 11:23-29

Many blame the doctrine of election for a lack of evangelistic zeal. Did the doctrine of election destroy Paul’s evangelistic motivation and impetus? Why not? (Rom. 10:13-15)

*vv. 11-13 has a certain poetic balance and parallelism to it; it has long been regarded as an
early hymn.

What does it mean to die with Christ and live with Christ? (Gal. 2:20; Gal. 5:24; Rom. 6:1-14; Col. 3:1-11)

What does it mean to “endure” in v. 12? (Matt. 10:22; 2 Cor. 1:6; 1 Pet. 2:18-23; Rev. 2:2-3)

Is endurance optional?

What will it mean to reign with Christ? (Rev. 5:10; Rev. 20:1-6; Rev. 22:5; Matt. 19:27-28; Luke 19:16-19; 1 Cor. 6:1-3)

How do we reconcile Peter’s denial of Christ with v. 12b? (Matt. 10:32-33; Lk. 9:26; 1 Jn. 2:23; Rev. 2:13; Rev. 3:8)

How does this hymn refute the heresy of antinomianism? (note the recurring “if”)

What does it mean, “if we are faithless, He remains faithful”?

What does it mean that He cannot deny Himself? (Numb. 23:19; Titus 1:2)