



THE WORD *Alive*

The Preaching Ministry of
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WHAT DID YOU DO WITH MY GIFT

2 Timothy 1:8-12

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1. We should not be ashamed of His Gift

1:8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, or of me His prisoner; but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God,

Ashamed: feeling a sense of guilt and remorse; embarrassed; hesitant; reluctance through fear of humiliation; be afraid; lack courage to stand up for; fear that one's expectations may prove false; feeling inferior, inadequate;

Suffering: undergo affliction or hardship along with someone, suffer together with, join in suffering.

The world ridicules what it does not understand about the gift:

- 1) The Giver: God
- 2) The Motive: Love John 3:16
- 3) The Origin: Heaven John 1:1, 14
- 4) The Function: 9 "*who has saved us, and called us with a holy calling,*"
 - a) Saves You: "*saved us*"
 - b) Gives you Purpose: "*Called us*"
 - c) Destroyed death: 10 "*who abolished death,*
 - d) Brought life and immortality: v.10

2. We do not deserve His Gift

9 ..." *not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity,*"

A) Not according to our works – nothing we have done to deserve the gift.
Works: deed, action, task, occupation, undertaking;

B) Because of His own Purpose and Grace –
Purpose: plan; will; intentional design
Grace: kindness; unmerited favor;

3 – We must share The Gift with confidence

8 "*but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God*, 11 *for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle and a teacher.*

Appointed: explain; deposit; cause to experience; make up mind; bury; resolve destine someone to or for; PREACHER – APOSTLE – TEACHER

CHALLENGE:

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To truly love the gift is receive the gift and to share the gift...UNASHAMED!!

What have you done with His Gift?

What WILL you do with His Gift?