



GUARD THE GOSPEL

REMEMBER JESUS CHRIST

2 Timothy 2:8-13

- I. We can have CONFIDENCE because he fulfilled SCRIPTURE.
 - A. Jesus is the King who was promised long ago as the son of David.
 - B. By his resurrection, God declared that Jesus was his Chosen Son.
 - C. The One born in lowliness now reigns in glory on David's throne.
 - D. Our lives have purpose even if our circumstances don't seem to.
- II. We can have COURAGE because he endured SUFFERING.
 - A. Don't be surprised when difficulties arise because of your faith.
 - B. Suffering produces perseverance which develops our character.
 - C. It shows the difference between knowing and not knowing God.
 - D. Through suffering our lives are sanctified and others are saved.
- II. We can have JOY because he provides SALVATION.
 - A. Jesus endured the cross, despising shame for the joy before him.
 - B. The preaching of the cross is a stumbling block and foolishness.
 - C. Yet, it's only by preaching of the gospel that people will be saved.
 - D. We rejoice in God who reconciled us to himself *in Jesus* for ever.
- III. We can have HOPE because he remains FAITHFUL.
 - A. The road to life is thru death and the road to glory thru suffering.
 - B. Jesus calls us to take up our cross daily and follow him faithfully.
 - C. To refuse to travel this road is to deny Jesus as Lord and Savior.
 - D. The Lord is faithful when we stumble while walking on this road.

CONCL: Only when we fix our gaze on JESUS
will we have the proper perspective on LIFE.

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by enabling all people
to become fully-devoted followers of
the Lord Jesus Christ."*