

Today's main text: 2 Timothy 3

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Chapter 3.

1 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

This also know = Τοῦτο δὲ γίνωσκε

= moreover - *de* - (what follows is absolutely critical)

= know – *ginosko* - [REALLY know; understand; be *intimately* acquainted with]

= This – *touto* - (active present verb; command!)

Do you think **knowing** (and I mean REALLY KNOWING) the signs of the End Times is optional?

“This know also” == **knowing** the signs of the end times is NOT optional. In fact, this is a clear and unmistakable COMMAND (imperative, which means COMMAND).

That in the last days = ὅτι ἐν ἐσχάταις ἡμέραις

Last days = ἐσχάταις

= Very last in a series; very last stop; very furthest you could possibly go

Of a ship: the very last port on the journey; there is not another one after.

When are the LAST DAYS?

Let's let the Bible tell us.

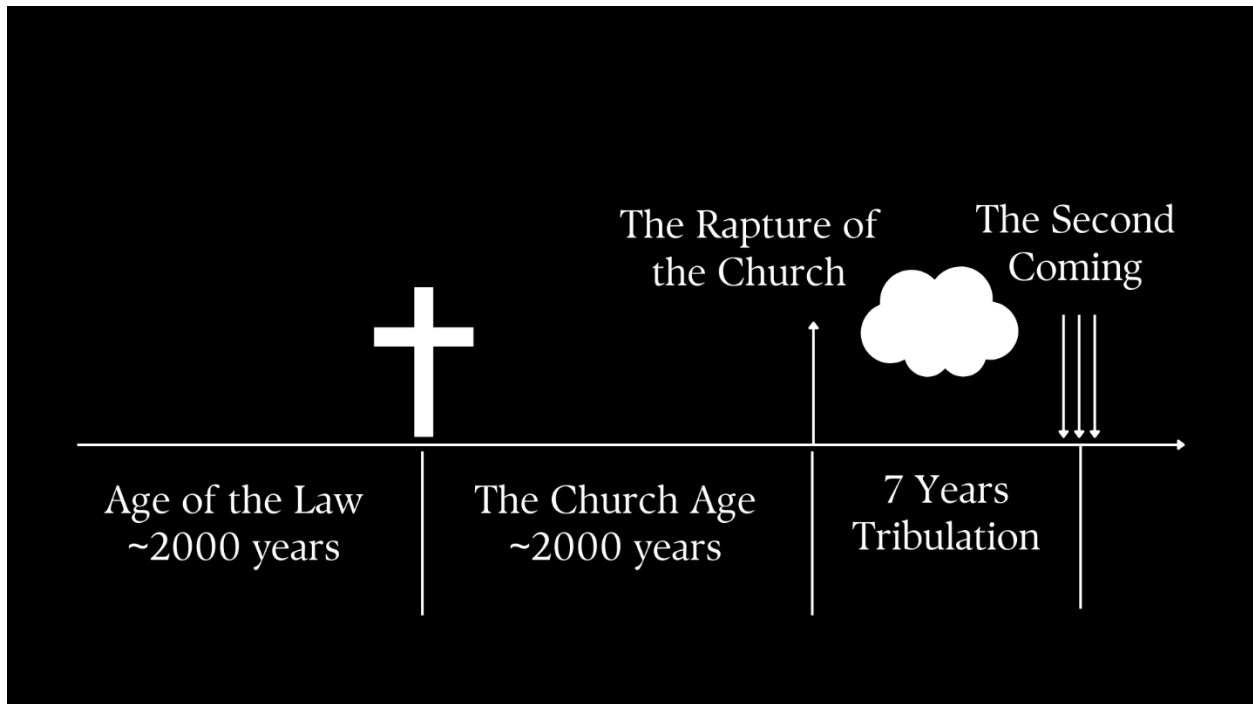
Acts 2:17

And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

The Church Age or The Age of Grace began at Pentecost in AD 33 at 9:00 AM. Peter tells us so!

So we have been living in the Last Days for nearly 2000 years! Only two days on God's timeline, as it turns out.

DIAGRAM



Age of the Law > JESUS > Age of Grace > The Rapture > the Tribulation (saints in heaven) > The Second Coming

Shall come = ἐνίστημι

= en + histemi = in + to stand

= enhistemi = to be surrounded by; standing in the very middle of something

Perilous times = καιροὶ χαλεποί

= times: appointed; due; seasonable time

Perilous = χαλεπός

= *chalepos*

= hard to bear, troublesome, dangerous

Only used 2x in the NT.

Only other time used besides here in Timothy:

Matthew 8:28

And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way

Perilous times *shall come*...

The Holy Spirit says that just before Jesus returns (and indeed, we are living in these very days) the times will be hard to bear, troublesome, dangerous, fierce, and unavoidable—you and I will feel as if we are being suffocated; surrounded by these things.

So, Holy Spirit... what kinds of **times** are we talking about here?

2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

For men shall be = for this reason; truly therefore, all mankind shall be

ἔσονται γὰρ οἱ ἄνθρωποι

lovers of their own selves = φίλᾱυτοὶ = philo (love for another) + autos (oneself)

*The Holy Spirit created a new word here (not found ANYWHERE in literature) to describe this astonishing phenomenon!

This pictures a person literally kissing themselves; they love themselves so much! Can you imagine a person loving him or herself so much they are kissing themselves?!

The Holy Spirit says that just before Jesus returns, there will be a widespread and pervasive self-loving, self-absorbed, self-addicted mindset in culture.

Covetous = φιλάργυροι = philarguros = philos (love) + arguros (silver; riches)

The Holy Spirit says that just before Jesus returns, there will be a widespread and pervasive obsession with riches; obtaining riches at all costs, and a commonplace love of money.

Boasters = ἀλαζόνες = alazon = empty pretender; boaster; bragger.

The Holy Spirit says that just before Jesus returns, there will be a widespread and pervasive cultural norm that says it is acceptable to brag about oneself; to put on a front, and to put forward a false image of yourself if it gets you to where you want to go.

Proud = ὑπερήφανοι = huperephanos = huper (above; far above) + phaino (to be shiny in others' eyes; to seem to one's judgment or opinion)

Thus, the word huperephanos means: *to be exceedingly snooty*

The Holy Spirit says that just before Jesus returns, there will be a widespread and pervasive intellectual superiority that looks down on those who believe in objective morality; that Christians are narrow minded and thus idiots. "One way to heaven" is simply too primitive of an idea to the end-times culture; not tolerant enough.

Blasphemers = βλάσφημοι = blasphemos

It was a surprise to me when I found out this word does not refer to being blasphemous against God; blasphemous in a spiritual sense. This word technically carries the idea of *evil speaking; abusive or reproachful speech. Sluggish, stupid, or slanderous speech*. Thus this word really means to speak nastily about other people or even God. Nasty speech!

The Holy Spirit says that just before Jesus returns, there will be a widespread and pervasive injurious, abusive, nasty, and slanderous speech. The words people speak will be, on average, more gross, foul, and reproachful than ever before.

Next, the Holy Spirit makes EIGHT interesting statements.

There is a pattern here!

He takes eight normal words but places a cancellation effect on them which emphasizes each point.

1. *Disobedient to parents* = ἀπειθεῖς γονεῦσιν = *apeithes goneus*

Normally the word *pitho* means *to listen to, to comply with, to obey, to yield to, or to trust in or have confidence in something or someone*.

But with the letter a (alpha: α) in front of the word, it has a cancellation or reversing effect. Thus, we have:

a-pithos or anti- or opposite of pithos, or *apeithes* = children who do NOT listen to, comply with, obey, yield, or even trust or have confidence in their parents.

The Holy Spirit says that just before Jesus returns, there will be a generation (or generations) of children who do NOT listen to, comply with, obey, yield, or even have trust or confidence in their parents. These are children who do not respect the authority of the parents any longer.

2. *Unthankful* = ἀχάριστοι

Normally the word *charizomai* (from *charis*; grace) would be used to describe something pleasant, agreeable, gracious, or something preserved; gracious.

But with the letter a (alpha: α) in front of the word, it has a cancellation or reversing effect. Thus, we have: a-charis = anti-gracious or what we would call *entitlement*!

The Holy Spirit says that just before Jesus returns, there will be widespread and pervasive attitude of anti-graciousness or lack of thankfulness in all areas of life. People will not be thankful for what they have; the blessings they enjoy, but will instead have an overwhelming attitude of *entitlement*.

3. *Unholy* = ἄνόσιοι

Normally the word *hosios* means *undefiled by sin; free from wickedness; pure and holy*

But with the letter a (alpha: α) in front of the word, it has a cancellation or reversing effect.

Thus, we have: anti-holy, anti-pure, or simply *wicked*; this also describes a widespread and general disregard for things that are or should be considered holy.

The Holy Spirit says that just before Jesus returns, there will be a widespread and pervasive disregard for things that ought to be considered holy and pure; for instance, the innocence and purity of unborn children or the pure and holy concept of marriage and the family unit.

Summary so far:

1. You and I are living in the last of the last days! There are nearly no more days remaining in this dispensation!
2. The Holy Spirit says these days will be fierce, savage, and unavoidable.
3. The Holy Spirit says, in order to prepare His people, that in these days there will be widespread, pervasive, and culturally-acceptable norms:
 - a. Extreme love of self
 - b. Extreme love of money
 - c. Boasting, self-promoting attitudes
 - d. Snooty, intellectual superiority
 - e. Nasty, slanderous speech
 - f. Disregard for parental leadership
 - g. Unthankful – entitlement!
 - h. Unholy – lack of regard for innocence or holy things

But the list continues in verse 3!

3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

4. *Without natural affection* = ἄστοργος

Normally the word *stergo* means *to cherish affectionately; specifically used for the cherishing bond of the family unit*

But with the letter a (alpha: α) in front of the word, it has a cancellation or reversing effect.

Thus, we have *astorgos*: an attitude that is hard-hearted, against, and opposed to the tender and affectionate love present in the family unit. Disintegration of the family unit!

The Holy Spirit says that just before Jesus returns, there will be a widespread and pervasive dissolution and breaking up of the family unit, with a specific attitude that is hard-hearted and opposed to the affectionate and tender love present in the family unit. There will be an attitude that is generally against raising traditional families and especially children.

5. *Trucebreakers* = ἄσπονδος

The word σπένδω (spendo) is very interesting! It literally carries the idea of being poured out as an offering; to have the blood poured out; or what we would recognize as a blood-covenant.

When the letter a (alpha: α) is placed in front of spendo, though, it has a cancellation or reversing effect.

Thus, the new word *aspondos* means the opposite of a covenant, or a “covenant-breaker” or something that is opposed to covenant relationships. In today’s world, this carries several ideas:

1. People in the last days will, by and large, be less likely to commit to anything
2. This very likely refers to divorce; the breaking of personal covenant (indeed, the original design behind marriage is a literal blood covenant) between man and wife.

The Holy Spirit says that just before Jesus returns, there will be a widespread and pervasive lack of commitments in general; the average person will not be apt to make commitments to anything. This will be such a cultural norm that even, if you can believe it, the covenant relationship between husband and wife—the marriage relationship—will be deteriorated as a holy institution and people will avoid committing to each other in this way and will even break their commitments to each other.

False accusers = διάβολος = devils!

This is interesting because this word breaks the pattern of the alpha prefix in the list of eight words that the Holy Spirit was using to describe the general culture at the end of the age, just before Jesus returns. Many scholars agree that this word is an interjection by Paul as he is writing; as if he has been overcome by what he is hearing from the Lord and just blurts out, “Devils! Devils are behind all this!” Which indeed they are. See Ephesians 6:12 and following.

The Holy Spirit says that just before Jesus returns, Satan’s demonic armies will be working overtime; the movement in the spiritual realm will be clearly more active and this movement is the primary source of all the *perilous times* the Holy Spirit warns us about.

6. *Incontinent* = ἀκρατής

Normally the word *kratos* means *power or strength*.

But with the letter a (alpha: α) in front of the word, it has a cancellation or reversing effect.

Thus, this new word, *akrates*, used only here in the NT, carries this idea of a culture that, as a whole, does not have the power to control themselves; they are powerless to control themselves. This really describes an entire culture who is out of control and who have thrown off restraint in nearly every area of their lives. No discipline. Credit, appetite, power, government, etc. All systems will go out of control!

The Holy Spirit says that just before Jesus returns, there will be a widespread lack of discipline and self-control in everything from credit to people’s appetites, to the hunger for power, to the government systems, etc. It will feel like everything is getting out of control!

7. *Fierce* = ἀνήμερος

The word *hemeros* which describes something that is cultured. But with the “a” on the front, this word describes something savage, barbaric, or violent.

This word was also used to describe the entertainment in the Roman colosseum.

The Holy Spirit says that just before Jesus returns, there will be this widespread normalization with violence even to the point of people being fascinated with violence as a source of entertainment, bringing it right into the heart of their homes. This also carries the idea of more brutal and violent events taking place.

8. *Despisers of those that are good* = ἀφιλάγαθος
Aphilagathoi = (oi ending means pervasive; plural!)

Only appears one other time in ANY kind of literature!

Normally, philagathos = love + good: the love of all that is good; that which is noble, excellent, praiseworthy.

But with the *alpha* prefix, this word *aphilagathoi* (widespread, plural) means a *loss of love for that which is decent and moral*. This word was only used to fictitiously describe a land that had no laws that protected good people, but this land only had laws that protected those that were wrong.

The Holy Spirit says that just before Jesus returns, there will be this widespread loss or lack of love for things that are good and noble; indeed, there will be the opposite of a love for decency. The love of that which is decent will become rarer and rarer as Jesus' return draws near.

Eight Things > Reversed in the Last Days – Just Before Jesus Returns!

1. Obedience to parents > disobedience and disregard
2. Gracious attitudes > Entitlement
3. Regard for the innocent and holy > Unholy
4. High value on the family unit > Disintegration
5. Marital and covenant commitments > Divorce
6. Restraint > No self-control
7. Cultured > Violence normalized
8. Respect for what is good and moral > Anti-morality

Questions to Think About

1. What is one thing you learned today that really stands out to you?
2. What is the ultimate solution to today's Christian living in such perilous times? The answer is in this chapter; we just didn't get there today.
3. Ask yourself this: am I guilty of compromising with any of these things we learned today?

New stuff for Nov 2., 2025.

Quick recap:

1. You and I are living in the last of the last days! There are nearly no more days remaining in this dispensation!
2. The Holy Spirit says these days will be fierce, savage, and unavoidable.
4. The Holy Spirit didn't write these things to scare us, but to prepare us.
5. The Bible explicitly states that, in the *last days*, the culture at large will be marked by or full of:
 - a. 2 Timothy 3:2
 - i. Extreme love of self (self-kissing)
 - ii. Extreme love of money
 - iii. Boasting, self-promoting attitudes
 - iv. Snooty, intellectual superiority; especially against the teachings of the Bible
 - v. Nasty, slanderous speech in all areas of life
 - vi. Disregard for parental leadership and authority
 - vii. Unthankfulness – entitlement!
 - viii. Unholy – lack of regard for that which is considered innocent, pure, or what once was held in a holy manner
 - b. 2 Timothy 3:3
 - i. Attack on and disintegration of the family unit
 - ii. Lack of commitments in general; especially the marital commitment (more divorce)
 - iii. Increase in demonic activity (devils are behind this!)
 - iv. General lack of discipline in self, spending, sexual addiction, etc.
 - v. Increase in brutality and violence, even to the point of glamorizing it as entertainment (as the Roman Colosseum)
 - vi. Spite for what is morally decent and good; as in a fictitious land where there are no laws that protect good people, but only evil ones

What further instructions does the Holy Spirit have for us today?

Before He gives us the solution to living in such fierce times, He has a few more characteristics of the end-times culture to show us.

New stuff!

Timothy 3:4

Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

Traitors = προδότης = *prodotes* = to sell somebody (no commitment; lack of permanence in relationships)

This word was used in Luke 6:16 of Judas betraying Jesus, his friend.

The Holy Spirit says that just before Jesus returns, there will be a widespread and pervasive attitude in culture as a whole that lacks commitment and reveals a low priority on permanent or long-lasting relationships.

Heady = προπετής = *propetēs* = rash and reckless; impulsive; making fast decisions with no thought to the consequences.

The Holy Spirit says that just before Jesus returns, there will be a widespread and pervasive mindset of making rash, reckless, and impulsive decisions with little to no thought about the consequences.

Highminded = τυφώω = *typhoō* = *very encouraging, actually.

To be puffed up; to raise up a smoke.

There is a smokescreen because of all this! Jesus said the first sign of His coming (Matthew 24:3-4) is to NOT BE DECEIVED.

But from this word we get the word TYPHOON.

Encouragement from the Holy Spirit: even though a typhoon blows in strong, it quickly fades and dissipates away. These things may seem like a huge storm, but they will not last long. They are very temporary.

The Holy Spirit says that just before Jesus returns, there will be a widespread and pervasive deception in culture at large, and that it will be as if a smokescreen has been erected before everyone's eyes. But, just as a typhoon blows in strong, it dissipates and blows away quickly. All these things will seem big and scary in the moment, but these things are very, very temporary.

Lovers of pleasures **more than** lovers of God =

φιλήδονος (philēdonos) Lovers of pleasure (consumed with pleasure; living for it)

μᾶλλον (mallon) more than; to a greater degree than, etc.

φιλόθεος (philotheos) God-lovers

Philo + hedone (lovers of pleasure); hedonism = living 100% for pleasure only, nothing else.

*Very important: these are not JUST non-believers. These could be believers who say they love God, but in reality, they love their pleasures more than they love God!

The Holy Spirit says that just before Jesus returns, there will be a widespread and pervasive cultural norm of loving and seeking after pleasure more than loving and seeking after the things of God. This is not isolated to just the Body of Christ—this is talking about anyone who says with their mouth that they love God but their actions show otherwise. These are the people that will show, with their actions, that they truly seek after pleasure more than they seek after God.

5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

Having a form of godliness = godliness: εὐσέβεια (eusebeia).

Not necessarily GOD-liness, but 'goodness' in the eyes of culture. Social justice advocates, people who look pious by their good actions.

But denying the power thereof = deny the DUNAMIS power of God (always used of the power of the Holy Spirit).

Power = δύνάμις (dynamis) = used 120x in the NT. (Love = 179x, faith = 245x, forgive/forgiveness = 34x, heaven = 255x, hell = 23x, salvation = 45x, save / saved = 122x).

This word was used in ancient times to describe the military might of an entire army!

They have their own form of religion, BUT, they deny the real operation of the power of the Holy Spirit.

****Here we have the first COMMAND concerning how to deal with these last days.**

From such turn away = turn + separate = **TURN AND TURN HARD!**

The Holy Spirit says that just before Jesus returns, there will be a widespread and pervasive cultural norm that praises people for their involvement in social justice, philanthropy, and the like—but although these ‘do-gooders’ will appear to be righteous in the eyes of the culture, the reality is that they will deny the real and fruitful power of the Holy Spirit.

Our first command in this entire chapter is to **TURN AND TURN HARD** from anything having to do with all these culturally-accepted mindsets and attitudes. Turn and run away; turn in horror from them.

6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Creep into: ἐνδύω = endynō = to creep stealthily into something / somewhere

Silly women = γυναικάριον = gynaikarion

Only used here: Little + woman (foolish woman)

Really, this describes a foolish woman who will allow someone to come into her house and allow them to sell her a false doctrine. She will accept this by guilt and shame, since she is made aware of her own sins, but also drawn by desire by what these slick salesmen offer.

The Passion Translation for this says,

For they are the ones who worm their way into the hearts of vulnerable women, spending the night with those who are captured by their lusts and steeped in sin.

They are always learning but never discover the revelation-knowledge of truth.

An alternate Greek translation could read, *“they intrude into households and by their heresies, take prisoners of those who are led astray by desires and sins.”*

Notice how a slick, new, shiny doctrine (that is not in alignment with the Bible) takes prisoners of people!

Ever learning = πάντοτε μανθάνοντα (pantote manthano) + always learning

But somehow these people are never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

What is the truth?

John 14:6

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

How come you cannot come by this truth by always learning?

2 Corinthians 4:1-4 gives us a clue:

1 Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;

2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:

4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

Blinded = τυφλόω = typhloō = to literally blind a person by removing their eyes; to darken the mind

Who is blinded? *Them which believe not.*

Why? *Lest the light...should shine unto them*

What is this light? *...the light of the **glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God...***

See also Colossians 1:15 and Hebrews 1:3.

The Holy Spirit says that just before Jesus returns, there will be widespread and commonplace misdirection and deception that will literally creep into people's homes and take many prisoners of those whom are not spiritually robust, strong, and grounded. These victims are the kinds of people who consider themselves to be open minded, well-learned, and progressive: but the reality is that they are lacking spiritual eyes to see the truth. Satan is behind this, having blinded unbelievers and darkened their understanding so that the truth that is in Jesus—that is, His perfect and complete representation of the Father—would not shine upon and take root in their hearts, that they may be saved.

Back to the text.

8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

Egyptian magicians, not mentioned by name in Exodus, but mentioned by Origen when talking about the Book of Jannes and Jambres (no complete copies found yet).

9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.

This is the end result of these losers!

STRETCH BREAK!

10 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience,

(New paragraph in the Greek)

****This is a BIG BUT! Pivot point of the whole chapter!**

But! Moreover! Now then! In light of all this!

Thou hast fully known *understood, seen, known by experience, examined thoroughly and found to be true*

My doctrine: διδασκαλία = didaskalia = what I teach

Manner of life: course, conduct, manner of life (living proof!)

Purpose: πρόθεσις = prothesis = something set before you

Faith: πίστις = pistis

Longsuffering: μακροθυμία = makrothymia

Charity: ἀγάπη = agapē

Patience: ὑπομονή = hypomonē

The Holy Spirit gives us a list of **seven things** we are to be equipped with so that we can successfully navigate these *perilous times*:

1. Know Biblical doctrine
2. Walk the walk; you should be living proof of the Word
3. Find, follow, and fulfill God's purpose for your life
4. Build and walk concretely in the faith of Jesus
5. Operate in longsuffering
6. Walk in the God-kind of love (unconditional *agape*)
7. Endure at any cost whatever may come – stay at your post (see the next verse!)

11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.

Remember the persecutions and afflictions of those in the Bible, history, and around the world today and draw strength from their stories.

What happened at Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra? See Acts 13-14.

Paul preached in **Antioch** on the Sabbath; the next week “almost the whole city” came to hear him preach. The religious Jews pushed them out of the town in envy. Paul and his missionary team next went to **Iconium**, where they “[spoke] boldly in the Lord, [Who] gave testimony unto the word of His grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.” The city was split between the old Jewish ways and the new Christian doctrine. So... there was a big riot and the religious leaders again forced Paul out of town.

They went to Lystra next, where Paul saw a man who had ‘faith to be healed’ and saw the man healed. After a brief stint of popularity with the people, some Jews from Antioch and Iconium somehow turned the people against Paul and Barnabus and stoned Paul to death. They literally dragged him out of the city, “supposing he had been dead.” But he sat up and...went right back into the city to preach.

But out of THEM ALL the Lord delivered me!

It is vital to continually remember what God has done in your life.

12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

Oh, great. Thanks for this promise.

Live godly: εὐσεβῶς = eusebōs; true godliness; living after the ways and purposes of God

13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

Wax worse and worse = slow and steady downward progression

Deceiving and being deceived! See Matthew 24 again.

14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

BUT (this is a big BUT!)

Continue thou: μένω = menō = stay put! Endure! This is a DIRECT COMMAND.

Learned and hast been assured of: things I've taught you and things you've come to learn by utilizing your own personal faith. Things you've become grounded in.

Who have you learned from? I, Paul, taught you these things. These aren't empty words; you saw how these things affected my life in action. You saw the fruit.

15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Scriptures = γράμμα = gramma = scribbles! Literally, every little mark matters!! Every 'jot and tittle.'

A child: βρέφος = brephos = an unborn child, embryo, newborn; fetus; an infant; baby

Able to: δύναμαι = dynamai = to have the power to do something; to be capable; strong, powerful; there is an INNATE ability in the Scriptures!

Make thee wise unto salvation: true wisdom is found in salvation (sozo)

Through faith in Christ Jesus!

(New paragraph in the Greek)

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

All means all

Inspiration = θεόπνευστος = theopneustos = theo (God) + pneustos (air): only used here!

Literally this is the breath of God.

Pneuma = used to describe:

1. The creative power of God
2. Fragrance or perfume
3. Music created by breath

Profitable = advantageous

Doctrine: διδασκαλία = didaskalia = solid teaching

Reproof: ἔλεγχος = elegchos = showing forth proof that results in conviction

Correction: ἐπανόρθωσις = epanorthōsis = restoration to an upright state; as of a person who has been knocked out flat on their back but who has been lifted back up on their feet again! The Word of God can do this!

Instruction in righteousness: παιδεία (paideia) ἐν (en) δικαιοσύνη (dikaiosynē)

Paideia = the whole training and instruction and schooling of a child

En = in

Dikaioσύνη = used of him whose way of thinking, feeling, and acting is wholly conformed to the will of God

The Holy Spirit gives us a list of **seven things about the Word of God** (this list is not exhaustive; see also Hebrews 4:12 for more attributes about the Bible):

1. All Scripture is designed with a purpose; there are no mistakes; all of it is given for our instruction
2. Scripture is literally the essence, nature, and life of God—it is not written about God; it actually contains God Himself!
3. The Bible provides real value; not just mental knowledge (profitable)
4. The Bible is the only source of true solid doctrine
5. The Bible provides the proof necessary that results in conviction
6. The Word of God provides the ONLY option by which humanity may be restored to a right standing with God
7. The Word of God provides a complete training and education plan for all men, women, and children—so that we may be fully aligned with God’s purpose, plan, and nature.

17

That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

That = *this is the whole point of it all; this is what you are after*

Perfect: ἄριος = artios = complete, lacking nothing; *perfectly suited for a specific use*

Thoroughly furnished: ἐξαρτίζω = exartizō = thoroughly outfitted!



Questions to Think About

1. What stood out to you most from this teaching, and what is one way you can apply what you've learned in your life TODAY?
2. How has this chapter affected you personally? Specifically, knowing that the Holy Spirit prophesied all these things with such extreme accuracy nearly 2000 years ago—how does this information about today's culture affect your perspective of the times in which we are living?
3. What is one ACTION STEP you can take TODAY to create space for the Word of God to make a more powerful and life-changing impact in your life?