

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy

### Salutation

- Author [1:1]

- Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the promise of life in Christ Jesus,

Παῦλος ἀπόστολος Χριστοῦ Ἰησοῦ διὰ θελήματος θεοῦ κατ' ἐπαγγελίαν ζωῆς τῆς ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ

- The first word of this letter identifies the author as Paul.
- The “higher” critics assume that this was deceitfully done to make the audience believe this letter was from Paul.
- As we have seen in the introduction to this letter, there is no rational reason for making such an assumption.
- As is his practice, Paul identifies himself as an apostle of Jesus Christ [1 Cor 1:1; 2 Cor 1:1; Eph 1:1; Col 1:1; 1 Tim 1:1; Titus 1:1].
- This is an affirmation of his authority over the matters of the Church that he will be addressing in this letter to Timothy.
- Paul makes it clear that he was an apostle by the will of God, not by his own choice.
- This is very similar to the phrase “according to the commandment of God our Savior” in 1 Tim 1:1.
- The phrase “according to the promise of life in Christ Jesus” refers to Paul’s ministry as an apostle, not the will of God.
- Paul was entrusted to proclaim this promise to others as he shared the gospel message throughout his ministry [Titus 1:2-3].

- Recipient [1:2]

- To Timothy, my beloved son: Grace, mercy *and* peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Τιμοθέω ἀγαπητῷ τέκνῳ, χάρις ἔλεος εἰρήνη ἀπὸ θεοῦ πατρὸς καὶ Χριστοῦ Ἰησοῦ τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν.

- Paul identifies the direct recipient of this letter as his protégé, Timothy.
- The message of this letter is also intended for congregations throughout the history of the Church.
- Paul refers to Timothy as his beloved son.
- Timothy was likely saved before he and Paul ever met [2 Tim 1:5; 3:14-15], but Paul was his spiritual mentor and thought of himself as Timothy’s spiritual father.
- This phrase is the only difference between this verse and 1 Tim 1:2 which states “my true child in the faith”.
- Paul completes the salutation with a typical greeting.
- He uses various forms of this greeting in all of his letters [Rom 1:7; 1 Cor 1:3; 2 Cor 1:2; Gal 1:3; Eph 1:2; Phil 1:2; 1 Th 1:1; 2 Th 1:2; 1 Tim 1:2; Titus 1:4; Phlm 3].