Preaching Series "Christ Centered Servant: 2 Timothy & Titus

Following Preaching series called "God who speaks and acts in OT", we will have 7 weeks (6/26-8/7) of preaching series called "Christ Centered Servant" from 2nd Timothy and Titus.

The second Timothy is classified as pastoral letter written in his second imprisonment at Rome in ca 64-65. It was a letter to Timothy, but we are not told where Timothy was; however, when Timothy would come to Paul he was to be accompanied by Mark and to bring a cloak and books that Paul left at Troas (4:11,13).

The letter takes Timothy's personality and situation into account and reflects Paul's loneliness and suffering in prison as death approaches. Elsewhere in this letter, Paul exhorts Timothy to present a qualitative and faithful servant of Jesus Christ. There are two passages catch the tone of the message. "You have followed my teaching, the way of life, endurance, faith, patience, love, steadfastness, persecutions, and sufferings...yet from all these the Lord rescued me" (3:10-11). "Proclaim the word, be persistent in season and out of season, convince, reprimand, exhort in all patience and teaching (4:2).

The servant of Christ is not solely to those who called to do full time ministry, but to every Christian. The essence of the servant of Christ is to place Christ as the centre in our life, serve Him and glorify Him.

講道系列"以基督為中心的僕人:提摩太後書和提多書

承接之前 "神在舊約中的訓言和作為" 這個講道系列,我們將會用7 個星期,依據提摩太後書和提多書,以"以基督為中心的僕人"作為下一個講道系列。

提摩太後書是屬於教牧書信,是保羅於主後 64-65 年在羅馬第二次被囚時寫成。這是他給提摩太的一封信,雖然我們不能確定當時提摩太身在何處,但是我們從第 4 章 11 和 13 節可以清楚知道,當提摩太來見保羅時,馬可和他同行,並帶來保羅遺留在特羅亞的一件斗篷和書籍。

從第3章10-11節「但你已經服從了我的教訓、品行、志向、信心、寬容、愛心、忍耐……但從這一切苦難中,主都把我救出來了。」這段經文中,我們看到保羅在信中非常關注提摩太的個人成長和他的處境,亦能深深體會到保羅在獄中死亡逼近時的孤獨和痛苦。另外,從第4章2節「務要傳道,無論得時不得時,總要專心;並用百般的忍耐,各樣的教訓,責備人、警戒人、勸勉人。」這段經文中,我們亦看到保羅在信中的另一個重要的信息,就是勸勉提摩太作耶穌基督名副其實、忠心的僕人。

基督的僕人不僅是指那些被呼召作全職事奉的人,也是指每一位基督徒。基督 僕人的本質就是以基督為我們生命的中心,事奉祂,榮耀祂。

讲道系列"以基督为中心的仆人:提摩太后书和提多书

继 "在旧约中说话和行动的上帝"的讲道系列之后,我们将进行为期 7 周 (6/26-8/7),围绕提摩太后书和提多书的讲道系列,名为"以基督为中心的

提摩太后书被归类为牧函教牧书信,写于约 64-65 年保罗在罗马的第二次监禁中。这是他给提摩太的一封信,但我们不知道提摩太在哪里;然而,当提摩太来见保罗时,他将由马可陪同,并带来保罗留在特罗亚的一件斗篷和书籍(4:11,13)。

这封信考虑到提摩太的个性和处境,反映了保罗在死亡临近时在监狱中的孤独和痛苦。在这封信的其他地方,保罗劝告提摩太要展示出耶稣基督名副其实的忠心的仆人。有两段经文抓住了信息的基调。

但你已经服从了我的教训、品行、志向、信心、宽容、爱心、忍耐……但从这一切苦难中,主都把我救出来了。(3:10-11) 务要传道,无论得时不得时,总要专心;并用百般的忍耐,各样的教训,责备人、警戒人、劝勉人。(4:2)

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