



2 Timothy 3

Press into God

Scripture Alone

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- **2 Tim 3:1-17**

1 But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days.

2 People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,

3 without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good,

4 treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God--

5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.

- 6 They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over weak-willed women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil
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desires,

7 always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth.

8 Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these men oppose the truth-- men of depraved minds, who, as far as the faith is concerned, are rejected.

9 But they will not get very far because, as in the case of those men, their folly will be clear to everyone.

10 You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance,



11 persecutions, sufferings-- what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them.

12 In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

13 while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.


14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it,

15 and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.



16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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- Evil men will go from “**bad to worse**” literally will make advances (prokopsousin) toward the worse.
 - When you head toward sin it will just draw you in more and more until it has control over your life.




- **Rev 3:15-16**


15 I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other!

16 So, because you are lukewarm-- neither hot nor cold-- I am about to spit you out of my mouth.

○ Luther's Righteousness by Faith, not Works

Martin Luther's central premise is, "righteousness by faith," and is found in Rom. 3:28, "For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law." Luther believed it was evident that no external thing has any influence in producing Christian righteousness or freedom. It is clear that as the soul needs only the Word of God for its life and righteousness, so it is justified by faith alone, and not any works; for if it could be justified by anything else, it would not need the Word, and consequently it would not need faith.

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- Luther believed that this Christian liberty does not induce us to live in idleness or wickedness but makes the law and works unnecessary for any man's righteousness and salvation. Luther further believed that our faith in Christ does not free us from works but from false opinions concerning works, that is, from the foolish presumption that justification is acquired by works. Faith redeems, corrects, and preserves our consciences so that we know that righteousness does not consist in works of this mortal body, yet our righteousness is not in them, but in faith




- Acts 13:49-14:21


49 The word of the Lord spread through the whole region.


50 But the Jews incited the God-fearing women of high standing and the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region.

51 So they shook the dust from their feet in protest against them and went to Iconium.

52 And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

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- **Acts 14:5** There was a plot afoot among the Gentiles and Jews, together with their leaders, to mistreat them and stone them.

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- A teal circular graphic is located in the top-left corner of the slide, partially overlapping the edge.
- **Acts 14:19** Then some Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowd over. They stoned Paul and dragged him outside the city, thinking he was dead.
 - **20** But after the disciples had gathered around him, he got up and went back into the city. The next day he and Barnabas left for Derbe.
 - **21** They preached the good news in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch,

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- Conclusion
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 - 2) Scripture Alone
 - 3) Delivered from all