

**GOSPEL** of *Grace*  
FELLOWSHIP

**2 Timothy 1:9-10**  
**Suffering for the Sake  
of God's Holy Calling**

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**Pericope Outline**

2 Tim. 1:6-8 Holy Spirit enables confession  
**2 Tim. 1:9-10 Our holy calling**  
2 Tim. 1:11-14 Follow Paul's example

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**Salvation Is Completely a Gift**

**2 Timothy 1:9**  
who **has saved us** and **called us with a holy calling**, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was **granted** us in Christ Jesus from all eternity...

1. Universal call
- 2.** Effectual call

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**Christ Fully Revealed Salvation**

**2 Timothy 1:10**  
**but now** has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel...

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**Applications**

1. Believers must never scoff at salvation being a complete work of God's grace.
2. We must be convinced in our minds that suffering for Christ's sake is worth it.

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**We Must Not Scoff at God's Grace**

**John 3:3-5**  
Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born again** he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, **unless one is born of water and the Spirit** he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

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### Results of Scoffing at God's Grace

1. Detracts from God's glory
2. Leads to trusting in man's works
3. Leads to unregenerate "churches"

**Council of Trent:** ...free will, attenuated as it was in its powers, and bent down, was **by no means extinguished in them.**

#### **Romans 3:11**

...there is no one who understands, **no one who seeks God.**

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### We Must Not Scoff at God's Grace

#### **John 6:64-66**

But there are some of you who do not believe. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him. **65** And He was saying, "For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me **unless** it has been **granted** him from the Father." **66** **As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew and were not walking with Him anymore.**

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### Suffering for Our Calling Is Worth It

***A major tenet of the Bible is that believers in Christ will have no status in the eyes of the lost world.***

#### **Matthew 10:22**

**You will be hated by all** because of My name, but it is the one who has endured to the end who will be saved.

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### Suffering for Our Calling Is Worth It

#### **Matthew 18:1-4**

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and said, "**Who then is greatest** in the kingdom of heaven?" **2** And He called a child to Himself and set him before them, **3** and said, "Truly I say to you, **unless you are converted and become like children**, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. **4** Whoever then humbles himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

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