

## **A GOOD DEPOSIT**

Last week we learned that the Greek word used for entrusted (paratheke) was a banking term for deposit.

We also learned that **paratheke** was used for a Church Age Believer (CAB) depositing or entrusting “saving faith” for God to guard from the moment of salvation.

(2 Tim.1:12) For this reason I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day.

This week **paratheke** will be used for God depositing or entrusting the message of grace salvation to every CAB –

(2 Tim.1:14) **Greek text:** “The good (ten kalos / asf) deposit (paratheke / asf) guard (phulasso / a.a.impv.2ps) through (dia+G of means) Holy Spirit [no article] (gsn) [the work of] the one indwelling (tou enoikeo / p.a.ptc.gsn / substantival) in (en+L) [of place] us”. [Every CAB]

**This lesson will study five aspects of the Good Deposit of the gospel message of grace salvation.**

**1. English translators struggled to bring the meaning of paratheke to the context of 2 Timothy 1:8-14. We will examine five translations of (2 Tim.1:14) and compare them to the Greek text.**

- **KJ** - “The good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.”
- **Net** - “Protect that good thing entrusted to you, through the Holy Spirit who lives in us.”
- **Amplified** - “Guard and keep [with the greatest care] the precious and excellently adapted [truth] which has been entrusted [to you], by the [help of the] Holy Spirit who makes His home in us.”
- **NAS** - “Guard, through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you.”
- **NIV** - “Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you – guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in you.”

**2. The “good deposit” that God commands every CAB to guard (protect) is the gospel of grace salvation. (2Tim.2:8-14)**

NIV footnote on the good deposit - “The gospel, Paul gives the same command in (1 Tim.6:20).”

There are two sides to guarding the gospel message of grace salvation.

- **First side of the gospel of grace salvation is the contents of the gospel** (1 Cor.15:3-4; Gal.1:6-10).
- **Second side of the gospel of grace salvation is the source of salvation** (Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9; Gal.2:16).

**3. When the CAB deposits saving faith for God to guard (2 Tim.1:12) (phulasso / a.a.infin) [eternity], God deposits the gospel of grace salvation for the CAB to guard (2 Tim.1:14) (phulasso / a.a.impv) [Time].**

Every CAB is given a title related to guarding the gospel of grace salvation – **AMBASSADOR** (2 Cor.5:18-21).

Being an Ambassador is 1 of 20 status privileges of every CAB to the world (Eph.6:15, 20; Rom.10:11-17).

The spiritually mature believer has the capacity to do the work of an evangelist as a result of his ambassadorship (2 Tim.1:8-9; 4:5; Phil.4:2-3).

#### 4. Paul commands us to guard (phulasso / a.a.impv.2ps) the gospel message of grace salvation.

There are enemies of the gospel of grace salvation, both inside and outside of the Christian church (Acts 15:1; Gal.1:6; 2:16).

(2 Tim.1:15) “You are aware of the fact that all who are in Asia turned away from me, among whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes.”

(Jude 3-4) “Beloved, while I was making every effort to write to you about **our common salvation**, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which once for all delivered to the saints. For certain persons crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.”

Christian ministers should be the lead guards of the gospel of grace salvation (Acts 20:28).

Paul commands the CAB to retain and guard the gospel of grace salvation:

(2 Tim.1:13-14) “**Retain** (echo / p.a.impv.2pl) the standard of sound words which you have heard from me, in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. **Guard** (phulasso / a.a.impv.2ps), through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you.”

#### 5. Paul gives instruction as to how to guard the gospel of grace salvation:

(2 Tim.1:14) “Guard, through (dia+gen. of means) Holy Spirit who dwells (tou enoikeo / p.a.ptc.gns) in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you.” [**Compare with the Greek text**]

Every CAB is indwelt by the Holy Spirit at the moment of salvation (1 Cor.6:19-20; Gal.3:2).

If you do not have the indwelling Holy Spirit, you are not saved (Jude 19-20; 1 Cor.2:14-3:3).

In fact, the CAB is sealed unto the day of redemption by the Holy Spirit (Eph.1:13-14; 4:30). It is part of the 8 things that every CAB receives at the moment of salvation as works of the Holy Spirit.

Guarding is (**aorist** a.impv) [walk by faith] (2 Tim.1:14) while walking is (**present** a.impv) by the indwelling Holy Spirit) (1 Cor.6:19; Gal.5:16-17) –

(2 Tim.1:14) “through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us”