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Sermon Notes

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**Boldness and Faithfulness in the Gospel, pt. 3:
Guard the Good Deposit
2 Timothy 1:8-14**

I. Introduction: Guarding the Treasure

- A. Fort Knox
- B. Paul says we should feel this way about the gospel message!!
- C. Read 2 Tim. 1:1-14
- D. Sermon division:
 - 1. Assessing the “Good Deposit”
 - 2. Receiving Paul’s charge to guard the deposit

II. Paul’s Circumstances: Persecution under Nero

- A. Nero sets Rome ablaze... A.D. 64
- B. Paul suffering persecution, knows he will die, commits gospel ministry to Timothy
- C. Series of charges
 - 1. vs. 6: fan your gift into a flame
 - 2. vs. 8 don’t be ashamed of Christ... or of his gospel
- D. Paul’s third charge: “Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you...” vs. 14

“Timothy... you MUST step forward with bold leadership!”

III. Assessing the Good Deposit (vs. 8-10)

- The **character** of salvation
- The **source** of salvation
- The **ground** of salvation

A. The character of salvation

1. three-fold understanding
 - a. God “has saved us”... PAST
 - b. “and called us to a holy life” ... PRESENT
 - c. (vs. 10) “brought life and immortality to light” ... FUTURE
2. comprehensive salvation... three “p’s”
 - a. has saved us from... PENALTY of sin
 - b. is saving us now from... POWER of sin
 - c. will save us in the future from... PRESENCE of sin
3. penalty of sin = DEATH

Romans 6:23 “The wages of sin is death...”

- a. **physical** death... separation of soul from body
- b. **spiritual** death... separation of soul from God here on earth
- c. **eternal** death... separation of soul becomes eternal on judgment day

Revelation 20:14 “The lake of fire is the second death.”

Illus. “No fear”... Generation-Xers won’t know fear until the end

4. power of sin

“God has saved us AND called us to a holy life”

5. presence of sin... in heaven, no sin whatsoever!!

THIS is our great salvation... total and comprehensive

We HAVE BEEN saved from the terrible penalty of sin, because Christ died in our place on the cross

We ARE BEING saved little by little as we grow in Christlike maturity, fighting sin

We WILL BE saved forever from sin when Christ takes us into heaven.

B. The SOURCE of salvation