



*Ring Out the
Message
2 Timothy 4:1-2*

A World Lost in Sin

- **2 Timothy 3:1-7** - But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! 6 For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, 7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

The Wrong Messages

1. The **fatalist** says: “Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow you may die.”
2. The **pessimist** says: “What’s the use”, as he throws up his hands in dismay.
3. The **atheist** says: “No God, no hope beyond; so let your conscience guide you.
4. The **ambitious** say: “Dog eat dog.”
5. The **strong** say: “Might makes right.”
6. The **denominationalist** says: “Attend the church of your choice and approach God in your own way, worship in your own way.”

The Right Message

The Bible – God’s Word

- There is a big difference between the books that men make and the Book that makes men.
- **Acts 26:28** - 28 Then Agrippa said to Paul, “You almost persuade me to become a Christian.”

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The Bible – God’s Word

- **2 Timothy 4:1-2** - I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: 2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

The Right Message

The Bible – God’s Word

- **Romans 1:16** - 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

Message of Love.....For an Age of Hate

- **The Gospel is a message of love from beginning to end.**
- **Romans 5:8** - 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- **1 John 4:10** - 10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Message of Love.....For an Age of Hate

- It is founded upon Christ's love in giving His life and His blood.
- **John 15:13** - 13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.
- **Galatians 2:20** - 20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Message of Love.....For an Age of Hate

- **God's message is a message of love. God's message encourages all men to love others.**
- **1 Thessalonians 4:9** - 9 But concerning brotherly love you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another...
- **Hebrews 13:1** - Let brotherly love continue.

Message of Love.....For an Age of Hate

- Encourages us to love our families.
- **Ephesians 5:25** - 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her...
- **Titus 2:4** - 4 that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children...

Message of Love.....For an Age of Hate

- Encourages us to love our enemies.
- **Matthew 5:44** - 44 But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you...

Message of Love.....For an Age of Hate

- Encourages us to Love.
- **Matthew 22:39** - 39 And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

A Message of Peace.....For an Age of War

- **There are wars and rumors of wars.**
- Jesus spoke of wars and rumors of wars in Matthew 24:6.
- **Matthew 24:6** - 6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars.

A Message of Peace.....For an Age of War

- There are wars and rumors of wars...but, why must there be wars?
- **James 4:1-2** - Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? 2 You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. (NKJV)

A Message of Peace.....For an Age of War

- The Solution for Peace – The Gospel
- **The Gospel produces peace between God and man.**
- **Romans 1:7** - ...Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- **Peace is made possible through Christ**
- **Romans 5:1** - Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ

A Message of Peace.....For an Age of War

- Our hope continues as long as we continue in the gospel.
- **Colossians 1:23** - 23 if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.

A Message of Peace.....For an Age of War

- **1 Peter 1:3-5** - 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

A Message of Peace.....For an Age of War

- **John 14:1-3** - “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

A Message of Faith.....For an Age of Doubt

- Our footsteps falter unless the aims we have in this life are based upon faith.
- **2 Corinthians 5:7** - 7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.

A Message of Faith.....For an Age of Doubt

To bring faith to the world we must proclaim Christ to the world.

Let us present Christ to the world as:

- Redeemer
- King
- Lord
- Savior
- Mediator
- Judge

A Message of Faith.....For an Age of Doubt

- Each example of conversion in Acts is a faith that obeyed the Gospel.
- 1. Repentance is faith **willing**.
- 2. Confession is faith **speaking**.
- 3. Baptism is faith **submitting**.
- 4. Prayer is faith **communing**.
- 5. Christian living is faith **serving**.