

## CAN THIS BE TRUE?

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### INTRODUCTION:

1. Text II Timothy 2:11-13
2. Paul was writing Timothy to be faithful and encourage him in his preaching and Christianity.
3. We need encouragement along the high way to heaven.
4. As we grow spiritually our manner of life should mean more and more and should be deeper convicted of the things we believe in, and to see better what happens and happened during our conversion.
5. In our text we see four conditions (all begin with "if") all in the first class and all are true.

### II Discussion of this faithful saying.

- A. This is a faithful saying.
  - a. This is not one of the condition but it needs to be noticed.
  - b. What does faithful mean? Trustworthy. These ideas are true and can be trusted as true.
  - c. The following was a common saying during the first century and was/is true today.
  
- B. For if we de dead with Him. We shall live with Him.
  - a. What does it mean to be dead? James 2:26; Genesis 2:17; Isaiah 59:1-2
    - i. Thus we can see that we are separated from something in death.
    - ii. We are separated from sin. Romans 6:2&6
  - b. What does it mean to be dead with Him?
    - i. Since we have been crucified with Christ (Gal 2:20) then we are no longer under the throes of sin.
    - ii. Thus we are a new creature. Rom 6:4 II Corinthians 5:17 John 3:3-5
  - c. We shall live with Him.
    - i. This is a condition "if" we live with Him. Are we living with Him?
    - ii. What does it mean to live with Him? John 14:1-3 Revelation 22:4,14
  
- C. If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him.
  - a. This again is a condition. "If"
  - b. If we suffer persecution because of living the Christian life. II Timothy 3:12; I Peter 4:14-16; Matthew 10:28
  - c. He is the king of Kings. I Tim 6:15

- d. We can reign forever and ever. Revelation 21:5 But this is based on our suffering with Him.
  
- D. If we deny Him, he also will deny us.
  - a. If we deny Him for fear, shame or sake of temporal advantage then He will deny us.
  - b. This he has promised in Matthew 10:32-33
  - c. Example is Peter Matthew 26:69-75
  
- E. If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: He cannot deny himself.
  - a. "Believe not" is not just for those who are atheist, but for those who do not obey God. Numbers 20:12
  - b. If we disobey God, He is still faithful to His promises and threatening's. II Peter 3:9
  - c. We can turn from God, but He is always in the same place. It is we, who are the ones to leave.

### III Conclusion

1. We need to die with Christ so that we can live with Him for all of eternity.
2. To not obey God is so hazardous to our life and our soul.
3. Why not obey Him today by believing Him Repenting of your sins, by confessing Him and by being buried with Him in baptism.

Source; sermon preached 1987