“Hold fast the pattern of sound words you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.” 2 Timothy 1:13

- We have been studying in 1st Timothy on Wednesday evenings.
- Paul is setting Timothy up for success as a preacher, moreover as a Christian.
- Paul warns Timothy of a current and worsening dark cloud over the church.

Remaining a faithful Christian

- A person becomes a child of God through faith in Jesus Christ - Galatians 3:26-27
- That person must continue to walk in faith to be pleasing in God's sight - 2 Corinthians 5:7, Romans 1:16-17
- Those who do not continue to walk by faith, fall from grace – Galatians 5:4

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- Because they have itching ears
  - John 8:32, John 17:17, 1 Peter 1:22-23, Hebrews 10:26
- They will be turned aside to fables
  - 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12, Galatians 5:1-4, 1 Timothy 1:4, 7 & 4:7, Titus 1:14

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- What does Peter say regarding Paul’s dark and sadly truthful warning?
  - “You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked.”
  - 2 Peter 3:17

What must I do to be saved? *Acts 16:30*

- **Believe in Jesus –**
  John 8:24/3:16
- **Repent of Sins –**
  Luke 13:3-5; Acts 2:38/7:30-31
- **Confess your Faith in Jesus –**
  Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9
- **Baptism for the Remission Of Sins –**
  Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38/22:16
- **Live Faithfully for the Remainder of Life –**
  Revelation 2:10; James 2:10
  - **Remember Matthew 7:21-23** ***(not everyone, but…)***