

# The Solid Foundation Still Stands

2 Tim. 2:14-21

## Introduction:

- A. Paul's tells Timothy of disappointment in brethren.
  - 1. Hymenaeus and Philetus. (vv. 17-18).
  - 2. Demas. ( 4:10)
  - 3. Alexander and others. (4:14-16; cf. 1 Tim. 1:20).
- B. Paul gives Timothy three facts to support him through such disappointments:

## Discussion:

### I. The Solid Foundation Of God Still Stands! (v. 19).

- A. His *gospel* is still true. (2 Pet. 1:23-25).
  - 1. Plan of salvation.
  - 2. Pattern for worship, work and organization.
  - 3. Purpose of church.
  - 4. Pure standard of living.
- B. His **seal** is still unbroken. (v. 19).
  - 1. Still knows his own. (cf. John 10:27-29).
  - 2. Still stands by those who "depart from iniquity".

### II. The House Of God Is Still Great! (v. 20).

- A. Great in spite of dishonorable vessels in it. (cf. 1 Cor. 3:11-14).
  - 1. Can find all evils of society among church people.
  - 2. Can find all rotten attitudes of society among church people.
  - 3. Can find all lowdown meanness of society among church people.
- B. Great because of honorable vessels in it.
  - 1. Like healthy organs, receive little attention because they demand none.
  - 2. Like humming motors, often taken for granted.
  - 3. Like precious metal, tried and proven by fire will be there when needed.

### III. The Salvation Of God Is Still Personal! (v. 21)

- A. "If *anyone* cleanses himself ..., *he* will be a vessel of honor."
- B. "Be diligent to present *yourself* approved unto God..." (v. 15)
- C. "Keep *yourself* pure" (1 Tim. 5:22)
- D. "*Every* part does *its* share". (Eph. 4:16).
- E. "*Each one* may receive...according to what *he* has done (2 Cor. 5:10; cf. Rev. 3:4)

## Conclusion:

- A. Remember:
  - 1. God's foundation is still solid.
  - 2. God's house is still great.
  - 3. God's salvation is still personal.
- B. Granted, many brethren are not right, but you can be faithful. (Cf. D. Hurst).