

Passing On the Timeless Message

Scripture: 2 Timothy 2:1–2

Introduction: The Christmas shepherds were the first evangelists, taking the news of Christ's birth to all they met. But they weren't the last. The transmission that propels the gospel from one generation to another is explained in 2 Timothy 2:1–2.

1. **From Jesus to Paul.** The teachings of Jesus were entrusted to the apostles (Acts 2:42), including Paul (1 Cor. 15:1–11; Gal. 1:11–12).
2. **From Paul to Timothy.** The message Paul preached was heard and learned by Timothy in the presence of many others (1 Tim. 6:20; 2 Tim. 1:13–14).
3. **From Timothy to Reliable Men.** Men who were dependable (1 Cor. 4:1–2).
4. **From Reliable Men to Others.** Which includes, through the passing of time, you and me.

Conclusion: The gospel is not something we come to church to hear; it is something we go from church to tell!