REMEMBER JESUS CHRIST

2 Timothy 2:1-26

Key Verse: 2:8,9

\* BE STRONG IN THE GRACE OF JESUS (1-13)

1. Read verse 1. What is the grace that is in Christ Je­sus? (See 1Ti 1:15; 1Co 15:10) How can one be strong in this grace?

2. To whom should the gospel and the task of proclaiming it be entrust­ed? (2) Why does Paul say "reliable" or "faith­ful" (RSV) instead of able or talented?

3. Read verses 3-4. Why does he compare Christians to soldiers (Eph 6:12)? What are the characteristics of a good soldier? What are civilian pursuits? How can we please our commanding officer, Jesus?

4. In what respect should a Christian follow the example of a competing ath­lete? (5) What is the hope of the hardworking farmer? How are Christians like this? (6)

5. What must we do when we encounter hardships? Read verses 8-9. What was Paul's example? What does he mean by "God's word is not chained"?

6. Read verses 10-13. When Paul remembered Jesus, what did he realize about God's way of working? What was his assurance?

\* BE AN EXCELLENT BIBLE TEACHER (14-26)

7. What must one do to become an ex­cellent Bible teacher? (15) What is "godless chatter"? How can one avoid it? (14,16) What warning did Paul give about Hyme­naeus and Philetus? Why was their teaching dangerous? (16-18)

8. Read verses 18-19. What is the Christian's best de­fense against godless and false teaching? Why?

9. Read verses 20-21. How is this large house a parable of a church? What can we learn from these verses? How can we be instruments ready for the Master's use?

10. Read verses 22-26. From what should the Christian flee? What should he pursue? How should the Lord's servant handle those who oppose him or want to argue and criti­cize? What is his prayer topic for them?