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Topic: A Study of 2 Timothy: Surviving the Perilous Times (I)

Scripture text: 2 Tim 3:10-13

1. Christians are like sheep living in a dangerous world and they must expect danger. The world seeks to destroy godly Christians whose ways are patterned after Jesus Christ. Let us persevere in persecutions as the Lord promises spiritual blessings to those who suffer for His Name's sake (verse 12).

2. The world is getting more and more wicked in terms of materialism, hedonism and homosexuality which the Lord Jesus Christ prophesied in Luke 17:26-30. We can survive perilous times by following the examples of godly Christians around us and from the Bible. In his first missionary journey, Apostle Paul experienced afflictions in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra. It is every believer's personal responsibility to live a godly life to provoke others to walk closely with Christ (verses 11 and 13).

3. Apostle Paul set a Christ-like example for the believers by teaching biblical doctrines which are fundamental for good practices. The Word of God must transform our manner of lives. In this perilous times, our purpose must be to live for the service of Christ and glorify His Name. We must have faith in God's Word. We must love others in deed and be forbearing towards difficult people and in difficult circumstances (verse 10).