

**A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy****Beloved:**

**Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David:**

**such is my Gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal.**

**But the word of God is not chained.**

**Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen,**

**so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory.**

**This saying is trustworthy:**

**If we have died with him  
we shall also live with him;  
if we persevere  
we shall also reign with him.**

**But if we deny him  
he will deny us.**

**If we are unfaithful  
he remains faithful,  
for he cannot deny himself.**

**The word of the Lord.**