Why 1 Timothy 1:9; 2:10; & 2:25-26 do not support Calvinism
2 TIMOTHY 1:9; 2:10, 25-26

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Anti-falsehood doesn’t make something true.
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Calvinist post hoc rationalization
God regenerated people, and then gave them an inward effectual call to salvation, for His purpose of self-glory.

Calvinist post hoc rationalization
Paul is doing everything thing he can to get the lost “elect” people converted.

Calvinist post hoc rationalization
25 In Lost people need the “gift” of repentance or they cannot get saved or understand truth.

26 Man’s is taken captive against his own will, proving free will is false. (Like Pelagius, Calvinists think it’s all about the will)
Acts 5:31 (KJV)
31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

Acts 11:18-19 (KJV)
18 When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.
19 Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only.
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12 If we suffer (ὑπομένω), we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:
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1:9
This is the vocational calling that saved people have, and the purpose they are to fulfill with their life as a believer.

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Paul endures all things so that these chosen men will strive lawfully and get their reward.

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2:25-26
Those who turn profane with false doctrine may be salvageable, and can recover themselves.

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25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;
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Luke 19:11-27 (KJV)
11 And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear. 12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. 13 And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come. 14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us. 15 And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. 16 Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. 17 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. 18 And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. 19 And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities. 20 And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin: 21 For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow. 22 And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow: 23 Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury? 24 And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds. 25 (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.) 26 For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him. 27 But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me.
Revelation 20:6 (KJV)
6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.
1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus,
2 To Timothy, my dearly beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
3 I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day;
4 Greatly desiring to see thee, being mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy;
5 When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

2 Tim. 1:3 = “...God, who I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience” - Paul is carrying on the same line of faith that’s been passed on for multiple generations. This is built into the biology in Judaism. Not to say that it’s automatic, but it’s as close to automatic as it could be. The process of handing down this new Christian faith to the next generation is going to take a whole new kind of effort and focus.

2 Tim. 1:5 - Paul reinforces this concept of the faith being passed from generation to generation within Timothy’s own life, stressing the importance of that transfer to the next generation. Timothy is a half Jew (Acts 16:1), which explains why this faith is passed down on his mother’s side and not his father’s.
2 Timothy 1:6-11 (KJV)

6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.
7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.
8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; (theme - 2:2)

9 Who hath saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,
10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel: (not through gnostic enlightenment)
11 Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles.

There are two callings in scripture.

Gospel call:
2 Thessalonians 2:14 (KJV)
14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:20 (KJV)
20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

Vocational Call:
Ephesians 4:1 (KJV)
1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

Romans 8:28 (KJV)
28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Major aspect of the Christian’s holy calling is to make sure the faith is passed down to the next generation of believers.
2 Timothy 1:12-14 (KJV)

12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

13 Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

14 That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.

2 Tim. 1:13 - the mechanism of passing the faith down to the next generation of believers is holding fast the FORM OF SOUND WORDS, as received from Paul.
2 Timothy 1:15-18 (KJV)

15 This thou knowest, that all they which are in Asia be turned away from me; of whom are Phygelus and Hermogenes.

16 The Lord give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus; for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain:

17 But, when he was in Rome, he sought me out very diligently, and found me.

18 The Lord grant unto him that he may find mercy of the Lord in that day: and in how many things he ministered unto me at Ephesus, thou knowest very well.

15 - people are actively defecting from the faith, and this has to be counteracted.

Paul Calls them out by name. The purpose of the letter is to get this defection to stop happening and ensure the faith is passed on rather than having it die on the vine.
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1 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

2 Tim. 2:1 - “Therefore” - because of what I just told you. Due to the facts that:
- faith is passed down from one generation to the next
- the mechanism of faith is keeping the same form of sound words
- people are actively turning away from the faith and the form of sounds words....

You commit this same form of sound words to others who can help ensure that they are kept, and are passed down in tact to subsequent generations of believers.

The rest of this book constitutes the formula and methodology that these faithful men are to pursue.
Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

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people involved in this endeavor need to be fully committed.

there is mastery and a crown involved, which can only come from lawful striving. This is the reward of ruling many cities in Luke 19, and the reward that is warned against losing in 2 John 1:8.

those chosen to tend the field must be familiar with the crop that it yields. This involves experience with tasting the good and the bad, and experience with how to tell when a crop is ripe or when it needs more time or cultivating or water, etc... This is another way of saying, “not a novice...”

This connotes someone who is familiar with human nature and understands the development process of human spiritual understanding and maturity.

They need to know what it’s like to sit under an experienced Bible teacher and practitioner whose lips and actions drip with sound wisdom. They need to have some idea of what it takes to get a person to that point, and what needs to be avoided (worldliness, side quests, etc...) in order to get there.

These are people who need to understand what it is to sit at the feet of a Gamaliel, and have some idea of what it takes to produce another Gamaliel for future generations. Yoda?
8 Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel:
9 Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.

Verses 8-9 - the word of God has free reign. Despite the primary originator of this message now being in prison, that doesn’t mean the message needs to be bound up in prison with him. Nothing that happens to any individual should stop the spread of the message and the “form of sound words” that need to be kept and passed along.

We (Christians) are the guardians of the most powerful truth and message extant: that Christ of the seed of David was raised FROM the dead, which is the primary component of Paul’s Gospel. (Notice the focus on the resurrection and not the death)

If this message dies with Paul, there’s not going to be another resurrection of some other messiah down the road. This is it. It’s either this or bust.
2 Timothy 2:10 (KJV)

10 Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

Verse 10 - this message is so powerful and important, that I’m willing to endure anything to ensure it’s survival, and to ensure that those chosen to propagate this message strive for mastery lawfully, and are crowned upon accomplishment of the mission.

2 Timothy 2:5 (KJV)

5 And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.
Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

The “elect” of verse 10 are those “chosen” for the mission mentioned in verse 2. Paul is not doing this so that these chosen people will get saved. He’s doing this so that when they finally do obtain their future salvation in the sense of 1 Peter 1:5, 9, not in the sense of conversion, that they will obtain it with the crown of successful, lawful striving, with the recognition of well-done thou good and faithful servant, be thou ruler over 10 cities. Notice how the “with” is used in James 2:1 James 2:1 (KJV)

1 My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons.

These people aren’t being told, “have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ.” They’re being told not to have it WITH something. To misinterpret James 2:1 the same way people misinterpret 2 Tim. 2:10 would have James telling people not to have faith in Christ. But he’s telling them not to have it accompanied with something bad.

Paul is saying that he wants the elect to obtain their salvation ACCOMPANIED by something good - with eternal glory. That is, with the crown of mastery in verse 5, and with the reigning over 5 or ten cities, like in Luke 19.
2 Timothy 2:10 (KJV)
10 Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

There’s a paradox created IF 2 Tim. 2:10 is interpreted in the typical Calvinist or Arminian fashion, that Paul is enduring all things so that “the elect” will be converted.

In the Calvinist paradigm, there’s nothing Paul could do to STOP the elect from being converted if they really are elect.

In the Arminian paradigm, there’s no basis for calling people “elect” until they are converted. So the phrase “for the elect’s sake” sinks in meaning to “whoever winds up getting saved.”
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Titus 1:1 (KJV)
1 Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;

A phrase in Titus 1:1 is very telling because it says, “The faith of God’s elect.” Calvinist have this idea that there are a bunch of lost people without faith running around, who are elect, but have yet to be regenerated. So we evangelize to discover who this elect is. That’s has a lot of implications, the major one of which Calvinists don’t even realize despite it staring them in the face. If people are “elect” before they’ve ever heard of Christ, that means that their salvation is secured before they are in Christ, and before the Holy Spirit seals them by putting them into Christ. Their salvation is secured outside of Christ. Whatever you call that, it’s not Christianity. You can say they are elect on the basis of Christ, but that’s not true because the most fundamental tenant of their doctrine is Unconditional Election. What that means is not considering any basis or precondition whatsoever, including any supposed foreknowledge of any such condition. In Calvinism, Christ is a subordinate subcomponent of a system that should be labeled “electionism,” where election is the sole discriminator of whether a person is saved or lost. In Christianity, there is no salvation outside of Christ. Placement in Christ is the sole discriminator of whether a person is saved or lost. Anything other than this is definitionally UNCHRISTIAN. So there are no “elect” people wandering around waiting to be regenerated. Election is not about salvation. Election is about the purpose and capacity in which the Christian is called to serve. The “elect” have faith (Tit. 1:1).
Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

So, the people Paul has in mind here are “chosen” or “elected” to have the form of sound words committed to them so that they can teach others also. So in the words of chapter 1 verse 9, they are saved, and then chosen to teach others also. That’s what they are “elected” to do. And Paul is enduring all things, so that they too, as a good soldier of Christ, will be willing to endure all things, and when they obtain the final glorification phase of salvation, they get it with eternal glory, rather than without eternal glory. Getting salvation without eternal glory would be the person who loses their reward. It’s the 3rd servant in Luke 19 who buried his pound, then has it taken away, and does not rule over 5 or 10 cities. Paul doesn’t want these guys to turn out like that. He wants them to be successful and accomplish the mission, and get the crown that comes with striving lawfully.
2 Timothy 2:11 (KJV)
11 It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him:

2 Corinthians 4:10-11 (KJV)
10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.
11 For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

2 Corinthians 5:15 (KJV)
15 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.

Colossians 3:3-4 (KJV)
3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.
4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

1 Corinthians 15:19 (KJV)
19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

Galatians 2:19-20 (KJV)
19 For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.
20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.
2 Timothy 2:12 (KJV)
12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

“Reign”

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6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

Colossians 3:23-25 (KJV)
23 And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;
24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.
25 But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.

2 John 1:8 (KJV)
8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

Galatians 5:19-21 (KJV)
19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,
20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wraths, strife, seditions, heresies,
21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10 (KJV)
9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,
10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.
2 Timothy 2:12 (KJV)

12 If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

“Suffer”
1. To feel or bear what is painful;
2. To endure; to support; to sustain; not to sink under
3. To allow; to permit; not to forbid or hinder
4. To undergo; to be affected by;
5. To sustain; to be affected by; so as to undergo loss or damage

This verse uses the term “suffering” as in the #2 definition. If we “endure, support, sustain” we shall also reign with him. Reigning is the crown of mastery. Reigning, as in “have authority over 10 cities” (Luke 19:17; Rev. 20:6).

“If we deny him...” Deny him what? In the context, that is to deny suffering. To deny “enduring, supporting, sustaining Christ.” To deny striving lawfully for masteries. Do deny enduring hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. To deny the commitment and responsibility of keeping the same form of sound words and faithfully teaching others also. So if we either refuse this responsibility, or if we veer off course and start teaching something else, or unfaithfully, that is to not “suffer” or “endure” or “sustain” the cause of Christ.

“He will also deny us” - this phrase is ample breeding ground for someone with a doctrine in search of a proof text. People looking for proof that salvation can be lost are going to latch onto this phrase, and this verse. What’s the context? Faithful men committed to keeping and teaching the same form of sound words. What does “suffer” mean? To endure and bear that responsibility faithfully. What is the reward for that? Reigning with Christ. What will you be denied if you deny that responsibility? You’ll be denied REIGNING WITH CHRIST.

If you suffer, you reign.
If you deny suffering, you're denied reigning.
Just like the unprofitable servant in Luke 19, the person’s pound is taken away, but the person isn’t sent to outer darkness as in the Matthew 25 parable of the talents.
2 Timothy 2:13 (KJV)

If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.

All sorts of things can happen in the life of a Christian to cause them to doubt or lose faith. This can include personal or family tragedy such as the loss of a child, cancer, or the moral fall of a long-held role model.

1 Corinthians 10:4 (KJV)

And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

Once a person is in the body of Christ, they are part of Christ, and Christ will never be broken again. Moses was told to strike a rock the first time, and the second time, he was told to speak to it. We find in 1 Cor. 10 that “that Rock was Christ.” Moses got mad and struck the rock the second time instead of speaking to it. The punishment was severe: denial of entry into the promised land. The reason the punishment was so severe is because it disrupted the intended lesson. The Rock of Christ is only stricken once. He is not stricken and divided again later, constantly losing parts of his body as people lose their salvation throughout church history. John 10 describes the sheep as in Christ’s hand. That’s just a metaphor. The deeper reality is that you’re not just in Christ’s hand, you’re part of his hand. That is, the believer is actually part of the body of Christ. For Christ to deny the person of a believer would be to deny himself. But he abideth faithful. He cannot deny himself.
2 Timothy 2:14 (KJV)

14 Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers.

“Of these things put them in remembrance” - who? The faithful men of verse 2 who were chosen to perform this task of teaching the next generation. This verse is instruction for how they should frame their teaching. Words should be edifying (Eph. 4:29) and profitable. They should not subvert the hearers.

Ephesians 4:29 (KJV)

29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

Subvert – overturn, catastrophe, demolition, overthrow (the foundation), to corrupt the mind, To corrupt, confound, pervert the mind and turn it from the truth
2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)

15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

This is a continuation of the instruction to “charge” the faithful men of verse 2 from verse 14. This is the only command in scripture to “study” the word of truth, which is removed from every modern Bible. The method of study is given in the text: “rightly dividing the word of truth.” Every form of false doctrine is bolstered by failure to obey this simple clear command. This command coupled with 2 Timothy 3:16-17 is the bedrock of sustaining the Christian faith and action.
Continuing the “charge” to the faithful men. There is something these men are to shun. A major issue with Christianity when it starts to apostatize, is that you can always note where the apostasy is taking hold by those who don’t ever shun anything. There is definitely something the man of God is to shun, and that is babblings that are profane and worthless. If it doesn’t edify the believer it is worthless (vain) and is to be shunned. If it is profane, that is irreverent or contemptuous to that which is sacred, it is to be shunned. Things are sacred for the point of orienting the direction of the individual to a profitable path. Profanity is removal of the sacred, and removal of the sacred is like taking the compass and map away from a traveler. With no compass or map, the traveler becomes aimless. With nothing to aim for, the traveler will certainly miss the mark. And “missing the mark” is the very definition of sin. Profane babblings lead to sin. Paul said this another way in 1 Corinthians 15...
2 Timothy 2:17-18 (KJV)

17 And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus;
18 Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.

Titus 2:11-13 (KJV)

11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,
12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;
13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

“Hymenaeus and Philetus” – again, Paul is calling these false teachers out by name, which really upsets the man-worshippers.

Romans 16:17-18 (KJV)

17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.
18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

False doctrine is a profane and vain babbling which subverts the hearers by removing a valuable and directionally/behaviorally orienting...by removing something sacred.
2 Timothy 2:19 (KJV)

19 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.

God knows who is truly saved regardless of how they act or are deceived. We can only concern ourselves with the practical – how to act. That is, “depart from iniquity.”

Notice that the iniquity in the context is:
- unprofitable words that subvert hearers
  - speaking & hearing
- wrongly dividing the word of truth
- profane and vain babblings
- ungodliness
- false doctrine about the timing of the resurrection

All who name the name of Christ should specifically depart from THAT ↑ iniquity.
2 Timothy 2:20-21 (KJV)

20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.

21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

“If a man...” – what man? Specifically the “faithful men” (v2) who need to perpetuate the faith.

Purge himself from what? – The iniquity listed in the context and mentioned in verse 19. If a man purge himself from profane and vain babblings, etc...
The “if” makes this a very conditional clause. Being a “vessel unto honor” has nothing to do with an unconditional decree in eternity past. It has to do with purging one’s self from iniquity.

These are the vessels chosen to perpetuate the faith to future generations. This is the formula for doing it honorably and with distinction.
2 Timothy 2:22 (KJV)

22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

After purging from iniquity, which is a comparatively peculiar list of vices, Paul warns against “youthful lusts,” and then gives a list of good things and a description of association goals. The local assembly should be “them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.” The Christian of today will find it harder and harder to find an assembly of believers that meet that criteria. That criteria cannot be overstated. Compromising this for an assembly of those who call on the Lord from a compromised or impure heart of mere profession without practice will always result in disaster.
2 Timothy 2:23 (KJV)
23 But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes.

Romans 14:1 (KJV)
1 Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations.

“Foolish and unlearned questions” – these can be the sharp-shooter trying to make a public display of apparent contradictions of hypocrisy out of cynicism. Genuine concerns should be handled graciously.

“Doubtful disputation” – someone who wants to dispute or debate and is doubtful that scripture is true, or that elements of the faith are valid or relevant. The implied task here is to well-moderate any public open discussions. Church started as dialogues more than the monologues that characterize the encultured church of Greek rhetoric.
2 Timothy 2:24-25 (KJV)
24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,
25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

1 Timothy 3:2-3 (KJV)
2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;
3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;

Titus 1:9 (KJV)
9 Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.
2 Timothy 2:25-26 (KJV)
25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;
26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

Hebrews 12:14-17 (KJV)
14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:
15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness [resentment] springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;
16 Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.
17 For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.
2 Timothy 2:25-26 (KJV)
25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;
26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

“That they may recover themselves…” They are the ones performing the recovery. This matches verse 21, “If a man purge himself from these…”

2 Timothy 2:21 (KJV)
21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

Snare of the Devil:
1 Timothy 3:6-7 (KJV)
6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.
7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.
2 Timothy 2:26 (KJV)
26 And *that* they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

2 Corinthians 2:10-11 (KJV)
10 To whom ye forgive any thing, I *forgive* also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave *it*, for your sakes *forgave I it* in the person of Christ;
11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

Job 1:12 (KJV)
12 And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the Lord.

Job 2:6 (KJV)
6 And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life.

Luke 22:31 (KJV)
31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:

1 Peter 5:8 (KJV)
8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:
2 Timothy 2:25-26 (KJV)
25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;
26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

Exodus 32:14 (KJV)
14 And the LORD repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.

1 Samuel 15:35 (KJV)
35 And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death: nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul: and the LORD repented that he had made Saul king over Israel.

2 Samuel 24:15-16 (KJV)
15 So the LORD sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning even to the time appointed: and there died of the people from Dan even to Beersheba seventy thousand men.
16 And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, It is enough: stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD was by the threshingplace of Araunah the Jebusite.

Jeremiah 20:16 (KJV)
16 And let that man be as the cities which the LORD overthrew, and repented not: and let him hear the cry in the morning, and the shouting at noontide;

Jeremiah 26:19 (KJV)
19 Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him at all to death? did he not fear the LORD, and besought the LORD, and the LORD repented him of the evil which he had pronounced against them? Thus might we procure great evil against our souls.
2 Timothy 2:2 (KJV)

2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

1:9
This is the vocational calling that saved people have, and the purpose they are to fulfill with their life as a believer.

2 Timothy 1:9 (KJV)
9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

2:10
Paul endures all things so that these chosen men will strive lawfully and get their reward.

2 Timothy 2:10 (KJV)
10 Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

2:25-26
Those who turn profane with false doctrine may be salvageable, and can recover themselves.

2 Timothy 2:25-26 (KJV)
25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; 26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.
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