

## **A reading from the second letter of Saint Paul to Timothy**

**Beloved:**

**Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead,  
a descendent 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**