

2 Timothy 2:11-13

“It is a faithful saying: For if we (the elect – 2 Tim. 2:10) **be dead with him**, (POSITION = our union and identification with Christ’s death – Rom. 6:5a, 6-7) **we shall also live with him** (POSITION = our union and identification with Christ’s resurrection – Rom. 6:5b, 8): **If we suffer** (PRESENT suffering for Christ in this life – 2 Tim. 3:12), **we shall also reign with him** (PRIVILEGE in our future life – Millennial Kingdom – Rev. 3:21): **if we deny him** (PATTERN of apostasy – fully and finally disowning Christ – Heb. 10:39-39; 1 Tim. 4:1; 2 John 9), **he also will deny us** (PERMANENT rejection of an unsaved person - Matt. 10:33 - deny that we are His children - Matt. 7:23): **If we believe not** (PERMANENT choice to reject Christ – John 5:40 – a lack of saving faith and not merely a weak or temporary lapse in faith), **yet he abideth faithful** (PROMISING to judge the apostate who rejects Him – 2 Pet. 2:17 – and therefore maintain His integrity and justice by bringing judgment against both sin and sinners – Rev. 16:7; 19:11): **he cannot deny himself”** (PERJER Himself – speak untruthfully about His true nature and be inconsistent with His character – Malachi 3:6; Heb. 13:8 - by failing to bring righteous judgment against the unsaved – John 3:18; Rev. 20:12)

Edmond Hiebert summarizes the meaning of these verses:

“The central truth of these pithy statements is that faith in Christ identifies the believer with Him in everything while unbelief just as surely separates men from Him.”

Romans 8:17

“And if children, then heirs (Gal. 4:7); **heirs of God, and joint-heirs** (co-heirs) **with Christ** (our POSITIONAL & spiritual privileges we have today – Eph. 1:3 and in the future – 1 Cor. 3:21-23 through our identification with Christ); **if so be that we suffer with him** (our PRACTICE in identifying and

following Christ's example – John 15:20; Phil. 3:10; Col. 1:24; 1 Pet. 4:12), **that we may be also glorified together**" (PROPHETIC – our future glorified body that will be sinless, perfect, and reflect or radiate Christ's moral glory – Rom. 8:18-25; John 17:22-24; Col. 3:4; 1 Pet. 4:13; 5:10).