



THE SERMONS OF IOH
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Chapter. I.

- 1 *Paule an Apostle of Iesus Christe, by the will of God, according to the promise of life, which is in Iesus Christ.*
- 2 *To Timothie my verie deare Sonne grace, mercie and peace, fom God the father and from our Lorde Iesus Christ.*

THough in all that S. Paule hath left vs in writings, we haue to consider that it is God that spake to vs by the mouthe of a mortall man, and we must receiue his doctrine with suche authoritie and reuerence, as if God shewed himselfe from heauen to be sene with our eyes, yet notwithstanding ther is one thing more to be considered off in this Epistle, then in the other, and it is this, that S. Paule beeing now in prison, and seeing his death at hande, meant to confirme his faith in this place, as if he had sealed it with his owne blood. And therefore so oft as we reade this Epistle, let vs lay that stat before our eyes that S. Paule was, then

in, to wit, that he looked for nothing but to die for the witness of the Gospell, as he did indeed as bearing y standard before vs, to put vs more out of doubt of his doctrine, and then we shall be touched to the quicke. As no doubt if a man reade this Epistle diligently he shall finde the Spirite of God shewe him selfe in such sorte, and in such a maiestic and vertue, that whether hee will or no, he shall bee as it were rauished with it. As for me, I know I haue profited, & do daily profite more by this Epistle, then by any booke of the scripture, and if euerie man wil looke into it diligently, I doubt not but he shall finde the like.

And if wee desire to haue witnesse of G O D S trueth