

1 TIMOTHY

GOD'S PLAN FOR HIS CHURCH



Christ Came to Save Sinners

1 Timothy 1:12-20

Chapter 1 outline

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The False Doctrine at Ephesus (1:3-11)

The True Doctrine of Paul (1:12-17)

The Exhortation to Timothy (1:18-20)



Outline of verses 12-20

Grace shown to Paul (1:12-14)

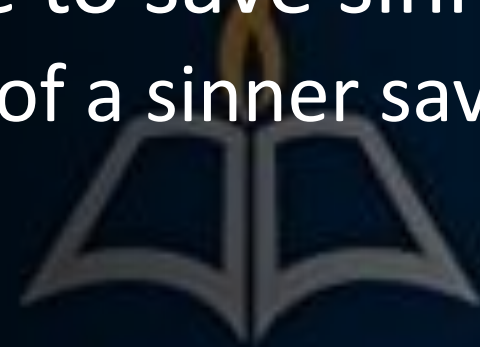
Praise offered to God (1:15-17)

Encouragement given to Timothy (1:18-20)



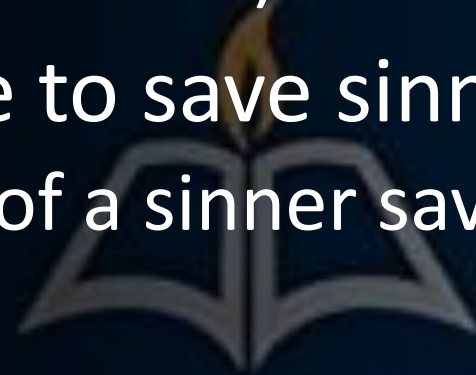
Mercy shown to Paul (12-14)

- Paul's gratitude being trusted with the gospel
 - Enabled him, counted him faithful, put him in service
 - Paul's past (blasphemer, persecutor, injurious)
- Shown mercy because he acted ignorantly in unbelief
 - Grace was lavished on him (resulting in faith and love)
- Faithful saying: Jeſus Christ came to save sinners
 - Paul the prime example (pattern) of a sinner saved by Christ



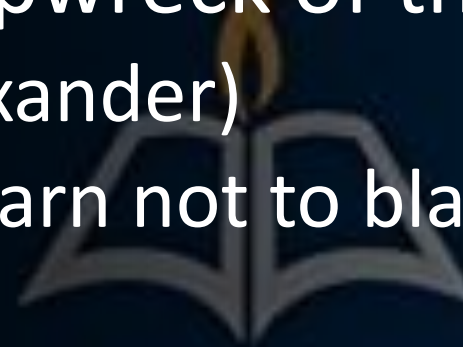
Praise offered to God (15-17)

- Began with thanksgiving, ended with praise
 - The King (sovereign over all creation)
 - Eternal (w/o beginning, w/o end)
 - Immortal (not subject to decay)
 - Invisible (whom no eye can see, 6:16)
 - The only God (all-honor and glory forever)
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Encouragement for Timothy (18-20)

- This charge I commit to you (entrust) vs 3
 - (stay in Ephesus, strengthen the church)
- Fight the good fight (military image)
 - Spiritual battle defending and proclaiming the gospel
 - Two essentials for success (faith and good conscience)
- Turning from these will make shipwreck of the faith
 - Two who did this (Hymeneus, Alexander)
 - Paul delivered them to Satan to learn not to blaspheme



The law is good if used lawfully

- The law is good (kalos, useful, good purpose)
Deut 4:6-8; Psa 19:7; Rom 7:12; Gal 3:19-25
- The law's purpose to show people their sinfulness, restrain evildoers, teach and exhort believers
- The law is not for the righteous who have already recognized their sinfulness and turned to Christ
- The law is for the lawless and ungodly (list of sins following tables of 10 commandments)



Lessons for our lives

- God's mercy should make us humble servants
- Christ's glorious gospel is worthy of all acceptance
- The battle for souls needs constant encouragement



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