

1 Timothy 1

Read 1 Tim 1:1-2

1. From Paul – an apostle (one who is sent):
by the command of God our Savior
 In the OT God is referred to as our Savior (The Rock of our Salvation)
 In the NT God is referred to as our Savior
 (song of Mary: My soul magnifies the Lord & my spirit rejoices in God my Savior)

 & of Christ Jesus our hope
 of moral victory (X gives us the power of victory over sin)
 of victory over our circumstances (X gives us strength to live & the courage to die)
 of victory over death (X gives us life eternal)

2. to Timothy

Who was Timothy?

- 1) A native of Lystra in the province of Galatia (Turkey).
- 2) Paul visits Lystra on his first missionary journey. (Acts 14:8-21)
- 3) Timothy was raised in the faith by his mother, Eunice and grandmother, Lois. (2 Tim 1:5)
- 4) Paul returns to Lystra on his 2nd missionary journey where Tim joins him. (Acts 16:1-3)
- 5) From then on, Tim was Paul's constant companion:
 - a. he was left behind at Berea w Silas when Paul escaped to Athens, & later joined him there
 - b. he was sent as Paul's messenger to Macedonia
 - c. he was there when the collection from the churches was being taken to Jerusalem
 - d. he was w Paul in Corinth when P wrote his letter to Rome
 - e. he was P's messenger to Corinth when there was trouble in that church
 - f. he was w Paul when he wrote 2 Corinthians
 - g. he was sent by P to see how things were going in Thessalonica
 - h. he was w Paul when he wrote the letter to Thessalonica
 - i. he was with Paul in prison when he wrote to Philippi; P planned to send him to Philippi as his representative
 - j. he was w Paul when he wrote to the church in Colossae and to Philemon
 - k. Thus, he was constantly by Paul's side & sent by Paul on difficult jobs

When P speaks of Tim, there is affection in his voice. "My loyal child in the faith."

Grace, mercy, & peace (usually he only writes grace & peace) here, he adds loving kindness (hesed)

1 Timothy 1: 3-20

a warning against false teachers impacting the young churches (the occasion)

The churches were apparently in more danger from internal threats than from external persecution.

Counter the false teaching with 1) sound teaching, 2) godly living, & 3) by training leaders.

1. Read vv. 3-11 Prevent the spread of false teaching

3-4 the content of the warning (don't distort the OT)

5-7 the goal of Xn teaching is that people grow in love (of God & others)

The false teachers aspire to be like rabbis but don't really understand

8-11 the false teachers had misunderstood the intent & use of God's law – the law is meant to make us aware of our sin, our shortcomings – to turn us to X. That is why it is good.

2. Read vv 12-17 Preach the gospel – it is Good News to all this false teaching
it is the unlimited power of the gospel to change lives

12-14 Paul gives thanksgiving to God who changed his life
X himself is the source of Paul's strength – P doesn't take the credit himself
Being X's servant is a privilege, a blessing P didn't deserve
Accepting the gospel is a great trust – P felt entrusted w the gospel, w a responsibility to live up to it.

15-16 The statement of the gospel
Paul says he is the foremost sinner: "If X saved me, he can save anybody."

The "Trustworthy Sayings" of Paul: 5X in the Pastoral Epistles
An article of belief that is deeply cherished by all believers

1 Timothy 1:15 1 Timothy 3:1 1 Timothy 4:9 2 Timothy 2:11 Titus 3:8
1:15: X came to save sinners

17 A doxology, as ascription of praise to God for who God is:
King eternal God's rule is universal and eternal
Immortal immune from decay and destruction
Invisible but we view the splendid glory of God residing in Jesus

3. Read vv. 18-20 3 encouraging reminders to Timothy (2 positive, 1 negative)

18 find strength by remembering the prophecies when he was set apart for ministry
19 find strength by having faith & a good conscience
20 what happens when a Xn jettisons faith and a good conscience – you shipwreck your faith

Deliver them to Satan – many believe it meant that the church withdrew fellowship from them, that they would realize the gravity of what they were doing.