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Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible Current Book: *1 Timothy – verse by verse*

Scriptures for Today: 1 Timothy 1:8-20 – The glorious gospel of the grace and mercy of our Lord!

IMOTHY 1.8-20

Today's Message:

"Merciful Saviour"

INTRODUCTION

Last week, we continued 1 Timothy and discovered God's priority for writing – sound doctrine! These days, like 2,000 years ago, most want fables (**MYTHS**) and nonsense rather than Bible truth. Today, we will finish the first chapter with a focus on the *mercy* and *grace* of our Lord Jesus Christ. It will be easy to relate to the Apostle Paul when he submits his life as "*Exhibit A*" for how **GOOD** God has been to born-again Christians. We have all said, and done, and thought things that we no doubt regret. When God shows us mercy and grace, it is for a **PATTERN** to illustrate to others the incredible love of our God!

LEARNING TOGETHER

A. The Text 1 Timothy 1:8-20

#1. Law & Gospel – Timothy was to confront the improper USE of the Law.

THE PROPER USE OF THE LAW

- ✓ The LAW <u>was</u> not MADE for a RIGHTEOUS man. Mt 9:13; Mk 2:17; Lk 5:31-32
- ✓ The LAW <u>was</u> MADE for the LAWLESS and for <u>SINNERS</u>. Rom 7:7-25; Rom 3:10-12,23
- ✓ The LAW <u>was</u> MADE to TEACH sinners what SIN is. 1John 3:4; Psalm 116:11; Rev 21:8
- ✓ The LAW <u>was</u> MADE to PROVE that all men are <u>GUILTY</u>! Rom 3:19-20; Ex 20:1-17
- ✓ The LAW <u>was</u> MADE to BRING all sinners to Jesus Christ! Gal 3:19-25; Mk 10:17-27
- ✓ The LAW <u>was</u> MADE to OPPOSE ANY OTHER THING CONTRARY to SOUND DOCTRINE!

NOTE Truly, "Hell's best kept secret" is using the Law to lead sinners to faith in Christ!

THE GLORIOUS GOSPEL

- ✓ This was ACCORDING to Paul's GOSPEL. Rom 2:16; 16:25; 2Tim 2:8 ("my gospel")
- ✓ This was <u>the</u> GLORIOUS GOSPEL of the blessed God. Mark 1:1,14-15; 16:15; Acts 8:25

✓ This was COMMITTED to Paul's **TRUST**. *Rom 3:2* (12 times in the NT)

- ✓ This was COMMITTED to <u>TIMOTHY</u>. 1Tim 1:11; <u>6:20</u>; 2Tim 1:12,14 (4 out of 12!)
- ✓ This was COMMITTED to <u>YOU</u>. Jude 3; Matthew 28:18-20; Mk 16:15; 1Sam 3:19

NOTE Are you preaching Paul's Gospel or ANOTHER Gospel? Have you been faithful?

W1828 "Committed" Delivered in trust; given in charge.

#2. Mercy & Grace – Paul had OBTAINED mercy and grace from Jesus Christ!

I THANK JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD

- ✓ Jesus Christ ENABLED Paul. 2Cor 12:9 (my grace is sufficient for thee)
 - Acts 9:22 (increased the more in strength); Rom 4:20 (was strong in faith); Eph 6:10 (be strong in the Lord); **Php 4:13** (I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me); 2Tim 2:1 (be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus); 4:17 (the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me); Heb 11:34 (out of weakness were made strong)
- ✓ Jesus Christ COUNTED Paul FAITHFUL, putting him into the MINISTRY. 2Cor 5:18

NOTE For it is BY GRACE *you* are SAVED, and it is BY GRACE *you* are KEPT in Christ!

BUT I OBTAINED MERCY

- Paul was before a BLASPHEMER. Ex 20:7; Lev 24:11,16; De5:11; 2Sam12:14; Rom2:24
- Paul was before a PERSECUTOR. Acts8:3;9:1,5,13;22:4;26:10;1Cor15:9;Gal1:13;Php3:6
- ✓ Paul was before INJURIOUS. Rom 1:30 (despiteful)
- ✓ BUT he OBTAINED MERCY. Lk 18:13; Rom11:30,31;15:9; Eph2:4; Ti3:5; Heb 2:17;8:12
- ✓ WHY?? ...because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. Num 15:28; Lk 23:34; Acts 7:60
- ✓ Jesus Christ showed Paul mercy for a **PATTERN**. 1Tim 1:16; Rom 9:22-24

NOTE Christians do <u>not</u> receive deserved punishment... but a full pardon for crimes!

THE GRACE OF OUR LORD WAS EXCEEDING ABUNDANT

- ✓ The grace of our Lord was EXCEEDING ABUNDANT! Ex 34:5-9; Isa 55:6,7; Ps 103:10-12; Rom 5:15-20; 1Cor 15:10; 2Cor 8:9; Eph 1:7-14; 3:14-21
- ✓ It is a faithful saying to say that YOU are CHIEF of SINNERS! Mark 10:18; Rom 3:10-12
- ✓ You cannot STAY QUIET over the LOVE of our King! *Rom11:33; 1Pet5:11; Ju25; Rev1:6*

NOTE *Worthy of all acceptance* means that there are NO qualifiers needed! Amen.

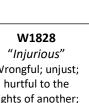
#3. Charge & Entrustment – this charge was committed unto TIMOTHY.

WAR A GOOD WARFARE

- ✓ This CHARGE was COMMITTED to Timothy.
- **Question?** What will YOU do with all that God has entrusted to YOU?
- God had a PLAN for Timothy's LIFE. Acts 13:25; 20:24; 2Tim4:7; Gal 2:20; Col 3:4 •
- God had prepared him to WAR A GOOD WARFARE. Josh10:25; 1Ti 6:12; 2Cor10:4
- Now, he was to HOLD FAITH and a GOOD CONSCIENCE. 1Sam 3:19; Acts 24:16 •

✓ BEWARE! Some have *put away* TRUTH and have made SHIPWRECK! *Rev 3:17*

NOTE Like Timothy, we have been given been entrusted with the Gospel of our Lord!



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"Enabled" Supplied with

sufficient power.

Wrongful; unjust; rights of another; hurtful to the person or health.

W1828 "Abundant" Plentiful; in great quantity; fully sufficient.

