

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!**

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 was not MADE *for* a RIGHTEOUS man. *Mt 9:13; Mk 2:17; Lk 5:31-32*
- ✓ The LAW was MADE *for* the LAWLESS and for **SINNERS**. *Rom 7:7-25; Rom 3:10-12,23*
- ✓ The LAW was MADE to TEACH sinners what SIN is. *1John 3:4; Psalm 116:11; Rev 21:8*
- ✓ The LAW was MADE to PROVE that all men are **GUILTY!** *Rom 3:19-20; Ex 20:1-17*
- ✓ The LAW was MADE to BRING all sinners to Jesus Christ! *Gal 3:19-25; Mk 10:17-27*
- ✓ The LAW was 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 **the** 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 **TIMOTHY**. *1Tim 1:11; 6:20; 2Tim 1:12,14* (4 out of 12!)
- ✓ This was COMMITTED to **YOU**. *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?

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*Making disciples and caring for souls!*

**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**

**W1828**  
 “Enabled”  
 Supplied with sufficient power.

- ✓ 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**

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

- ✓ 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 not receive deserved punishment... but a full pardon for crimes!

**THE GRACE OF OUR LORD WAS EXCEEDING ABUNDANT**

**W1828**  
 “Abundant”  
 Plentiful; in great quantity; fully sufficient.

- ✓ 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**

**Question?**  
 What will **YOU** do with all that God has **entrusted** to **YOU**?

- ✓ This **CHARGE** was **COMMITTED** to Timothy.
  - 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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