

## 1 Timothy – Background and Chapter 1

This is NOT a prison epistle – although Paul had been in prison, just not during this time.

Written to Timothy, the temporary overseer at the church in Ephesus, and Paul's "own son"

1 Timothy deals with the topics of doctrine, public worship, false teachers, church interaction, developing leaders, and pastoral motives.

### I. Salutation (1:1-2)

A. Paul, the author, is one called/appointed by God for a mission

1. by the will of God
2. our Savior – the author of salvation
3. Jesus Christ – the hope of man

\*Paul begins by making 2 great claims: 1) salvation comes only from God, and 2) Jesus is the only hope to attain that salvation

\*These are the driving forces of his life and ministry

B. To Timothy, Paul's protégé, grace, mercy, and peace – again from God the Father and Jesus the Lord

### II. Negative Instructions: Stop the False Teachers (1:3-20)

A. The doctrine of the Apostles was being neglected

B. The Apostles' doctrine had been replaced

1. fables – fiction, superstitions
2. endless genealogies – Jewish teaching of tribes and bloodlines – just not important anymore
3. these do nothing to building up the faith

\*Paul emphasizes that doctrine is to remain focused on building life that has outward expression of inward understanding

C. The end result is love – out of...

1. a genuine and holy heart
2. a conscience free from guilt
3. an undissembled confidence in God

\*Some teachers were "missing the mark" – turning to vain talk that is not founded in good sense