

House Rules

Functioning as the Church

Week 03: Paul's Personal Example of Moving from Error to Truth

Scripture

I Timothy 1:12-17

Motivation (Why They Need to Know It)

Review

False doctrine/teaching happening in the church

I Timothy 1:11 (ESV) in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

Information (What They Need to Know)

Paul wants to show how different and yet alike he is with the false teachers.

Paul expresses Gratitude for God's Grace

I Timothy 1:12 (ESV) I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service,

Paul doesn't jump into his failures without first mentioning God's work in him.

God's calling, Appointment

God's Empowerment

God's Entrusting

God's Employing

Paul reflects on God's Grace

I Timothy 1:13-14 (ESV) though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

Overflowed - Exceeding Abundant -

Acts 26:9-11 (ESV) "I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things in opposing the name of Jesus of Nazareth. **10** And I did so in Jerusalem. I not only locked up many of the saints in prison after receiving authority from the chief priests, but when they were put to death I cast my vote against them. **11** And I punished them often in all the synagogues and tried to make them blaspheme, and in raging fury against them I persecuted them even to foreign cities.

Acts 9:13-14, 26 (ESV) But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. **14** And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name."

26 And when he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples. And they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple.

Paul gives the Gospel

I Timothy 1:15 (ESV) The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

Paul's use of Christ Jesus
Jesus Came into the world

Jesus Came for one purpose - US

Paul was given as a Guide

I Timothy 1:16 (ESV) But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

Nothing is irreversible

God's grace is Transforming

God's grace is freeing

God's grace is healing

God's grace is saturating

Paul calls us to Glory

I Timothy 1:17 (ESV) To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.