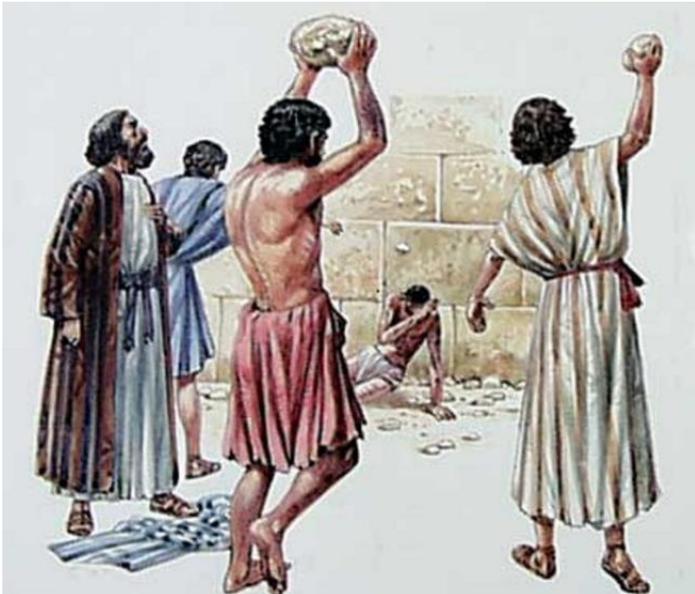


Sermon Notes 5/22/22

“Grace Poured Out”

Why does God pour out His grace on us?

1. Grace _____ us to serve God.
1 Timothy 1:12
Hebrews 9:14
2. Grace _____ us from our sins.
1 Timothy 1:15
Ephesians 2:8-9
3. Grace _____ the patience of God.
1 Timothy 1:16
2 Peter 3:9
4. Grace _____ us for spiritual warfare.
1 Timothy 1:18
Titus 2:11-12



Before he met Christ, Saul persecuted Christians (Acts 8:1-3).

Life Group Discussion Questions

Week 4: May 22-29

1 Timothy 1:12-20

Whenever Paul thought about his old life, his self-righteous pride, and how he used to persecute Christians, he was filled with remorse. But when he thought about the way God saved him, forgave him, and called him to ministry, he was overwhelmed with a sense of awe and wonder because of God's amazing grace. That grace became a powerful motivation for Paul to serve God and lead others to Christ. Paul's testimony in 1 Timothy 1:12-20, shows us how God's grace can help us in the ministries God has entrusted to us.

Read 1 Timothy 1:12-20

1. What did Paul thank Jesus for in verse 12?

Robert Yarbrough comments,

Why does Paul mention his strength and its source? Perhaps it is to remind Timothy of resources for his flourishing, too. Ministry is enervating, particularly when opposition arises. There is temptation to fall back on natural means and draw on native capacities. Paul knows that there is no future in such a response; the self without divine enabling is no match for problems like false teachers, their often-seductive doctrines, and the confusion they create in lives, households, and eventually congregations.¹

2. What did Paul say about his life before he met Jesus? (1:13)

3. According to verse 13, why was Paul shown mercy?

Paul is not saying that he deserved God's mercy. Mercy is not getting the just punishment we deserve. Paul's sins were not motivated by rebellion or intentional defiance (Num. 15:27-30). However, Paul had no excuse for his ignorance or his unbelief.

¹ Robert W. Yarbrough, *The Letters to Timothy and Titus* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2018), 120-121.

4. What did Jesus do for Paul in verse 14?

William Mounce observes,

The triad of descriptions—blasphemer, persecutor, insolent (v. 13)—intensifies from bad to worse: he spoke offensively against Jesus and the Way, he put these words into actions by persecuting the church, and he was a completely insolent person... The triad of grace, faith, and love (v. 14) offsets the triad of sins in v 13a and is reminiscent of the triad in 1:5. It also counters any possible misconception arising from v 13a that Paul thought he deserved salvation.²

5. What is the “trustworthy saying” in verse 15?

C. Michael Moss writes,

In verse 15 Paul elaborates upon the grace God had shown him in Christ Jesus. This passage is the first of five sections in the Pastoral Epistles that contain the term “trustworthy saying” (1 Tim 1:15; 3:1; 4:9; Titus 3:8; 2 Tim 2:11). Two of the passages contain the additional affirmation that the saying “deserves full acceptance” (this verse and 1 Tim 4:9).³

6. How was Paul "the worst"? (1:15)

The term “worst” is literally “first” (πρῶτος, prōtos). The term refers not to the sequence of Paul’s sin or conversion but to its magnitude. This may well seem to be an exaggeration to the reader, but for Paul it is no exaggeration (1 Cor 15:9, 10; Gal 1:13; Eph 3:8).⁴

7. According to verse 16, why was Paul shown mercy?

² William Mounce, *Word Biblical Commentary: Pastoral Epistles* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Academic, 2016), 51-53.

³ C. Michael Moss, *The College Press NIV Commentary: 1, 2 Timothy and Titus* (Joplin, MO: College Press, 1995), 40.

⁴ Moss, 41.

Kent Hughes and Bryan Chapell note,

What we must grasp here (and grasp it with its full integrity and passion) is that Paul was absolutely convinced of the truth of his words. Christ Jesus' power and his eagerness to save anyone who turned to him both informed and drove Paul's missionary heart. Paul believed this with his whole being. There was no doubt in his mind. Why? Because he knew Jesus' atoning death was sufficient. Why else? Because when he received the Savior, Jesus gave his righteousness to him. As a result, Paul knew by experience mercy, grace, love, faith, and apostleship.⁵

8. What qualities did Paul ascribe to God in verse 17?
9. Why was Paul giving Timothy these instructions? (1:18)
10. What did Paul say some have done with their faith? (1:19)
11. Why did Paul hand Hymenaeus and Alexander over to Satan? (1:20)
12. To what service has God appointed you?
13. What is your response when you think about the abundant grace and mercy we have in Christ?
14. How can your life serve as an example of God's patience and love?
15. What does it mean for Christians to fight the good fight?
16. What spiritual battles do you need to focus on this week?
17. What causes Christians to shipwreck their faith?
18. For what do you want to thank God?
19. What experiences in your life can you use to help others come to Christ?

⁵ R. Kent Hughes and Bryan Chapell, *1–2 Timothy and Titus* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2012), 46.