

Sermon Notes 5/15/22

“The Glorious Gospel”

What makes the Gospel glorious?

1. The _____ of the Gospel.

1 Timothy 1:1-2

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

2. The _____ of the Gospel.

1 Timothy 1:3-4

Galatians 1:6-9

3. The _____ of the Gospel.

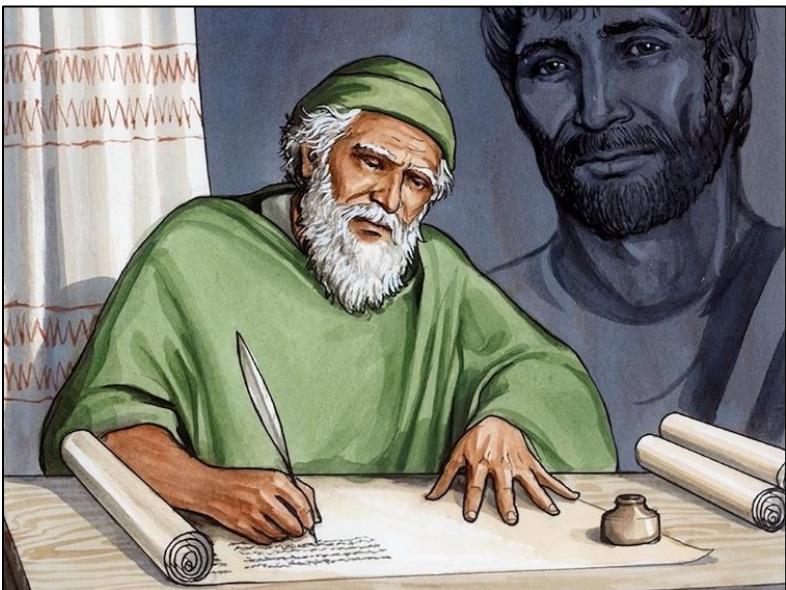
1 Timothy 1:5-7

1 John 4:9-11

4. The _____ of the Gospel.

1 Timothy 1:8-11

Romans 6:20-23



Paul wrote First Timothy while Timothy was preaching in Ephesus.

Life Group Discussion Questions

Week 3: May 15-22

1 Timothy 1:1-11

Paul wrote First Timothy around AD 64-65, after his first Roman imprisonment and before his second Roman imprisonment. Timothy was an evangelist ministering to the church in Ephesus. When Paul went to Macedonia, he urged Timothy to remain in Ephesus. Paul wanted Timothy to make sure that certain men in the Christian community were teaching the truth (1 Tim. 1:3). Paul also wanted Timothy to have some instructions in writing that would help him conduct his ministry with confidence and lead the church with authority (1 Tim. 3:14-15). While this letter was written specifically to a preacher, Paul wanted all the Christians in Ephesus to read it. At the conclusion of the letter, when Paul says, “Grace be with you,” the “you” is plural. This book contains powerful principles that are relevant for all Christians. We see this in chapter one, where Paul explains the importance of following “sound doctrine that conforms to the glorious gospel” (1 Tim. 1:11).

Read 1 Timothy 1:1-11

1. What did Paul say about his ministry in verse 1?
2. How did Paul describe Jesus in verse 1?

Robert Yarbrough notes,

With his opening words Paul communicates to Timothy that they serve a cause far greater than themselves: indeed, they serve the mysterious manifold personage who is “savior” in a world rife with gospel opposition. He is also “our hope,” where such opposition may have tempted Timothy to fall into hopelessness.¹

3. How did Paul describe Timothy in verse 2?

¹ Robert W. Yarbrough, *The Letters to Timothy and Titus* (Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2018), 98.

4. What did Paul urge Timothy to do when he left Timothy and went to Macedonia? (1:3)

5. Why did Paul want Timothy to stay in Ephesus? (1:3-4)

6. What did Paul say about myths and genealogies? (1:4)

When we devote ourselves to controversial issues rather than the work of God, we are robbing ourselves and God of the good things He wants to accomplish through us. C. Michael Moss observes,

All of this speculation was bound to promote “controversies rather than God’s work—which is by faith.” The phrase “God’s work” (*oīkovomíā, oikonomia*) refers to the stewardship of another’s property, here God’s. The work of God which had been entrusted to believers, his plan for redeeming his people, was being perverted by this heresy.²

7. What was the goal of the command Paul urged Timothy to enforce? (1:5)

William Mounce writes,

Paul is repeating a charge he has already given to Timothy to stop those in the church who are teaching error. They are teaching the law, but they are both arrogant and ignorant. Whereas the end result of their teaching is speculation, the end result of Paul’s teaching is love.³

8. In what way had some believers been misguided? (1:6)

9. How did Paul describe the false teachers in verse 7?

10. When is the Law good? (1:8)

² C. Michael Moss, *The College Press NIV Commentary: 1, 2 Timothy and Titus* (Joplin, MO: College Press, 1995), 33.

³ William Mounce, *Word Biblical Commentary: Pastoral Epistles* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Academic, 2016), 15.

11. How did Paul describe the lawbreakers in verse 9?
12. What specific sins did Paul identify in verse 10? (Compare 2 or 3 different translations)
13. How did Paul conclude his list of sins? (1:10)
14. What did Paul say about the gospel in verse 11?

Kent Hughes and Bryan Chapell comment,

Having mentioned "sound doctrine" or "healthy teaching" (1 Tim. 1:10), Paul added a description of it—"that conforms to the glorious gospel" (1 Tim. 1:11). The gospel is the ultimate repository and expression of healthy teaching. Anything that moves away from it or dethrones it as the centerpiece of the church is diseased and dangerous.⁴

15. Who taught you about Jesus and helped you to become a Christian?
16. What false doctrines still plague many churches today?
17. What sort of issues promote controversy in the church?
18. What goals motivate your service in God's Kingdom?
19. How does the gospel help us to follow God's moral law?
20. With what unique task has God entrusted you?
21. Who is someone entrusted with a ministry that you can encourage this week? How will you do that?
22. How will you make sure that your motives are from a pure heart, a good conscience, and a sincere faith?

⁴ R. Kent Hughes and Bryan Chapell, *1–2 Timothy and Titus* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2012), 39.