

## **1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17**

### **SAVED FOR A PURPOSE**

**1 Timothy 1:12-17** – *“I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, 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. 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. 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. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.”*

#### **Setting the Stage for 2017:**

1. God is eternal and has a plan.
2. God’s plan is to receive glory.
3. God is most glorified by saving a people for Himself. (He is a God of Mission)
4. God’s mission gives us a purpose.

#### **Truths of Salvation:**

- God saved you.
- Neither God’s ability, nor His desire to save you is affected by the amount of your sin.
- You have been saved by God for His enjoyment and His purposes.

**Important Note:** *Your salvation is inherently missional.*

**My Definition of Missional:** *Share with others the Good News of the gospel in order that they too may be saved.*

#### **The Purpose of Your Salvation:**

- Jesus saved you... so that your life would display His patience.
- Jesus saved you... to be a living picture of His overflowing grace.

#### **Reasons for Confidence on Your Mission in 2017:**

1. Jesus will provide you with the necessary strength (v. 12a)
2. Due to Jesus’ strength in you... you possess the faithfulness necessary to complete the mission (v. 12b)

**1 Cor. 7:25** – *“... I give my judgment as one who by the Lord’s mercy is trustworthy.”*

**St. Augustine** – *“God does not choose a person who is worthy, but by the act of choosing him He makes him worthy.”*

3. Jesus Himself has appointed you to His service (v. 12c)