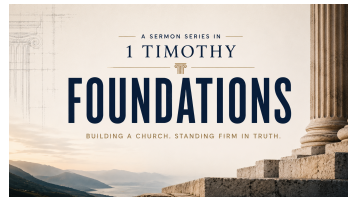




REDEMPTION
CITY CHURCH

Week #1
Guard the Gospel.
1 Timothy 1:1-4



STICKY STATEMENT:
THE MOMENT YOU STOP FIGHTING,
IS THE MOMENT YOU'VE ALREADY LOST.

*"Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope, ² To Timothy my true son in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³ As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain people not to teach false doctrines any longer⁴ or to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. Such things promote controversial speculations rather than advancing God's work—which is by faith. ⁵ The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. ⁶ Some have departed from these and have turned to meaningless talk. ⁷ They want to be teachers of the law, but they do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm. ⁸ We know that the law is good if one uses it properly. ⁹ We also know that the law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers,¹⁰ for the sexually immoral, for those practicing homosexuality, for slave traders and liars and perjurers—and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine ¹¹ that conforms to the gospel concerning the glory of the blessed God, **which he entrusted to me.**" 1 Timothy 1:1-11*

2 RESPONSIBILITIES WE HAVE IF WE'RE GOING TO GUARD THE GOSPEL WE'VE BEEN ENTRUSTED: GUARD THE GOSPEL BY...

1. LIVING OUT OF OUR TRUE _____ IN CHRIST.

"Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope, ² To Timothy my true son in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord." v1-2

Apostle =

Disciple =

The "WHO" we are: Paul = an apostle ... Timothy= "one who honors God"
The "WHOSE" = We belong to Christ — who is our Savior. We belong to Christ — who is our Hope.

Experience the word: IDENTITY—Whoever names you, owns you.

Your Old Name is:

- The Orphan: "I am on my own; no one will protect me. I'm all alone"
- The Disappointment: "I never measure up. I'm never enough"
- The Invisible: " No one sees me. I must not matter. "
- The Victim: "Life is something that happens to me."

"Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, ... I will also give that person a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it." Rev 2:17

Your New Name is:

- Instead of Orphan, you are Heir.
- Instead of Unwanted, you are Chosen.
- Instead of Guilty, you are Righteous.
- Instead of Useless, you are Masterpiece

2. _____ A STAND FOR GODS' TRUTH BY FAITH. V3-4

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DO THE WORD: The Power of Identity "Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope,"

Devotional Exercise: The Power of Re-Naming

1. Get a piece of paper and a pen & draw a line down the middle.
- 2.. On the Left Side (The Graveyard): Write down the specific negative names you have called yourself or been called by others (e.g., "Stupid," "Unlovable," "Mistake").
- 3.. The Act of Revocation: Take a red pen or marker. Draw a firm line through each of those names. **As you do, say out loud: "I renounce this name. It has no authority over me."**
4. Right Side (The New Creation): Beside each crossed-out lie, write the Biblical truth (e.g., Cross out "Unlovable" --- Write "Beloved").
5. Keep this paper. Place it in your Bible or tape it to your mirror. This is your new birth certificate.