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Title: Transformed Lives
Topic: grace, Gospel, transformation

1Tim1:8-16 - *The mark of the church = transformed lives! The charge: "no other*

doctrine", many stay away from this book! In difficult times, spiritual battles,

discouragement, shifting culture, people become discontent, start looking for a

new thing; often accuse others, bitterness takes root & in this first chapter, false

doctrines, myths, speculation, Jewish legends, & even legalism are all mentioned

8-11) these false teachers, want to be experts, but don't understand God's law!

"not made for the righteous" what does that mean?

Gal3:10 "For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is

written, Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written

in the book of the law, to do them."

• not for pride, self righteousness, comparing ourselves, forming tiers, nor for

earning extra credit

"ungodly…sinners" all are sinners, but not all are living in rebellion vs God

Gal3:24 "Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be

justified by faith." *w/o the law people don't think they need a Savior!*

The law is like a speed limit/traffic light - you see, who cares… Once you look at

the law honestly, you either say, O Jesus save me, or, "you can't believe…"

"murderers" of fathers/mothers? "manslayers" Is he looking at his own guilt?

"fornicators" all forms of sexual perversion, pornography

"sodomites" homosexuality - same sin as Sodom & Gomorrah;

"kidnappers" "liars" anybody ever lied? "perjurers" = lying under oath

"contrary…doctrine" (cults) if you knowingly argue vs God's Word it hardens you,

sears the conscience - even if culture normalizes a sin, God doesn't (1Tim4:1,2)!

The law is like a mirror! How long's that been there? Teeth? I'm a glass half full

guy, I can imagine myself better than I really am, but a mirror = moment of truth

R Comfort: *lied? Stolen? Lust? So you're a lying, thieving, adulterer at heart!*

"The law w/o the Gospel is a diagnosis w/o remedy; but the Gospel w/o law is only

good news of salvation for people who don't believe they need it!" Wiersbe

Jn16:8-9 "And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of

righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me"

The Spirit/law puts on us a burden of guilt, we can't lift off, until Christ lifts it!

11) it's "glorious" Paul knew the pit he'd been saved out of!! Awe? Satan doesn't

want to know, Bill C9: illegal…1Cor6:9-11 - you can be washed & given new life!

12-13) "I thank Christ"! Do you still have that thankfulness? Don't forget! He

didn't just save me! He didn't say, Paul this is a bit of a scandal, let's just keep it

on the down low until heaven, He enabled me, empowered me for ministry!

dynamite invented by Alfred Nobel, 1867 - highly explosive, discovered how to

apply this paste to paper wrapped rods, revolutionized mining, road building.

• chose a greek word, to express the explosive, ground moving power - *dynamis*!

"enabled me"

Acts1:8 "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;

and you shall be witnesses to Me…"

Has the Lord asked you to do the impossible!? An impossible situation?

Decision: step out and believe or "I'm weak, I can't, too hard"

• David & Goliath - nobody thought it would work, bros: mad! But David knew he

was going in the power of God! Goliath went down, bros: I knew he could, small

is a mindset…if you believe nothing's impossible w/ God!

13) "blasphemer" = cursed God!

Ever hear… "JC! Sorry…don't say sorry to me…it's Him I'd be concerned about!

In fact I can lead you in a prayer of how to ask forgiveness if you want?"

Paul believed in God, but fought vs Jesus! That makes for a dead, cold, religion.

"persecutor" dragged women/kids to prison, even murder; this guy was busy!

"obtained mercy" he was VERY religious, but he wasn't going to heaven!

Rom5:20 "Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin

abounded, grace abounded much more"

"formerly" = bc I'm not anymore! *Glad God doesn't leave us who we once were?!*

14) His "grace" was overflowing, like water coming over Niagara Falls...dry up? It

just keeps pouring out & it produced faith & love in me…fruit! Ie. yearbook

"hyper" "grace" there's a false teaching w/ that name; reject the need for ongoing

confession of sin to Jesus; no need for even morality; doesn't matter!

• That's very wrong - 1Jn1:9 - confession is how get cleansed of ongoing sin

• Paul is saying the opposite; God's grace is so hyper…produces faith & love!!

15) "faithful saying" 5x in NT = Don't ever doubt what I'm about to tell you; Jesus

came to save "sinners"! That's good, bc it's all he found when He came!

• 1Cor15:9 (55AD) "least of the apostles"

• Eph3:8 (60-62AD) “least of the saints”

• 1Tim1:15 (62-64AD) “chief of sinners” Paul isn’t dragging his shame … the more

he got to know God’s grace, the more he became aware of his brokenness.

“I am chief” (pres) you peel back all the stuff we struggle w/ - sexual sin, love of $,

drunkenness, drugs, compromise…pride, an “idol of self” at the root.

Acts - Jesus, “Saul…not what, but why? Paull, could justify, protector, truth, crazy!

“Satisfy your hunger void in under 3min” Paul, why? When we’re hones about our

emptiness - why are you running…angry…living a lie…trying to fill yourself w/…

16) “in me” I want to show my long suffering, I think I’ll save Saul! Impossible, he's

violent, kidnapper, proud…

Know anyone you think, impossible! Look at his life! Her past! Ie. Rockfish

“pattern” = example; God wants to fully display the His power to change lives!

• What God did for Paul, He’s going to do for others, who? You? Who will

believe. Come to the end of your excuses! If God can do it for Saul…for us all!!

• Come to the end of yourself, to the beginning of who God created you to be!

Jesus loves unworthy people. I am one.

Jesus transforms unworthy people. I am one.

Jesus uses unworthy people. I am one.

Rom6:4 “Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just

as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also

should walk in newness of life.” *there is a power greater than your sin!*

Your past/present rebellion does not have to define you. Jesus came, lived a

perfect life we couldn’t, died a death we deserved, paid a debt we could never

pay, so that we could have eternal life & a new life right now.

Do you believe that? Not asking if you’re religious, baptized, took communion -

are you born again through faith in that glorious Gospel?!

Fishing in CA - ugly, eyeballs sticking out, who would want to eat?!

Oh I’m sorry…don’t feel bad, I’m going to beat you!

Testimonies of prisoners, baptized - 70/500!

10) “anything…contrary” “Gospel” = good news, glorious bc it saves lost sinners!

Paul knew how deep a pit he was saved from!

Have you ever lied? Stolen? Lust? So you’re a lying, thieving, adulterer at

heart…you’ve broken the law!

• sometimes we think of ourselves a lot higher than we should

• the Good News? Jesus died in your place!

12) “I thank Christ”! He saved me! Do you still have that?!

“enabled” = empowered! Has the Lord asked you to do the impossible!? An

impossible situation? Decision: step out and believe or “I’m weak, I can’t, too

hard”

• withered hand man

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was going in the power of God! Goliath went down, bros: I knew he could, you

guys were doubting but I knew…nothing is impossible w/ God!

• The man by the pool of Bethesda; do you want to be healed? Ya, oc, but I can’t

bc…all his excuses!

What is God asking you to do?

13) “blasphemer”

“persecutor” = breathing in and out murder

“formerly” = bc I’m not that anymore! He didn’t forget, but knew he was a diff man!

Arent’ you glad God doesn’t leave us who we once were?!

14-15) Let me tell you a “faithful saying”, what was the purpose?

“least of the apostles”

“least among saints”

“chief of sinners” maybe you feel that way!

The longer you walk w/ the Lord, the more you realize there’s a lot of work to do!

Lord I need you more than ever!

16) “However…” why did he save me? To show others a pattern! He can save

anybody! Think this guy would get saved? Violent, kidnapper…anybody in your

life like that?

What would happen if they got saved? Pattern = He's going to do it again!!

Big Idea: grace, gospel, sin

Purpose of the Law (8-11)

Paul's Past (12-13)

Paul is a Pattern (14-16)