



“The Church That Guards the Gospel”

SAVED TO SERVE - 1 Timothy 1:1-2

BACKGROUND

“Pastoral Epistles” (1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, and Titus) reveal Paul’s heart for church health, leadership integrity, and gospel clarity. Unlike Romans or Ephesians, this letter is intensely practical. It addresses doctrine, worship, leadership qualifications, church discipline, financial stewardship, and personal godliness.

AUTHORSHIP – Paul

Paul likely wrote this letter in the mid-60s A.D., after his first Roman imprisonment (Acts 28).

AUDIENCE - Timothy — a young pastor, possibly timid by temperament (cf. 2 Tim. 1:7). But the ultimate audience is the church at Ephesus and, by extension, every local church in every generation.

PURPOSE - In 1 Timothy 3:15 Paul gives us the purpose of the letter: *“that you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.”*

WHY THIS SERIES MATTERS NOW

Our world is not so different from Ephesus. We live in a culture of religious confusion, moral instability, and competing truth claims. Churches today face pressure to soften doctrine, lower standards, or blend into culture.

1 Timothy calls us back to:

- Guard the gospel faithfully
- Order the church biblically
- Train leaders carefully
- Pursue godliness personally

As we walk through this letter, we will discover that healthy churches do not happen accidentally — they are built intentionally on truth.

And the central message of this series will be this:

The church that guards the gospel will grow in godliness and stand firm as God’s pillar of truth in a confused world.

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1. GOD HAS SAVED US AND ENLISTED US INTO SERVICE (1:1).

A. God has saved us.

B. God has conscripted those He has saved into service.

(1) Those who are saved are conscripts, not volunteers for Jesus.

(2) Christ Himself is our hope in serving.

“Christ Jesus, our hope” (v. 1).

2. THE AIM OF OUR SERVICE IS TO BRING FORTH TRUE CHILDREN IN THE FAITH (1:2).

5 Marks Of A True Child Of God:

(1) True children know the grace of God.

(2) True children know the mercy of God.

(3) True children know the peace of God.

(4) True children know God as Father.

(5) True children know Christ Jesus as Lord.