

Paul's First Letter to Timothy

Chapter 1

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1 Timothy 1

Where are we going?

- Short introduction class recap
- Dive-in to the chapter
- Themes, repetitions, principles
- Instructions to Timothy
- Lessons for us

Introduction - Short Recap/Highlights

- Bro. Jeremy's Introduction class -
- History of the gospel message spreading geographically, where Timothy fits in
- Paul's journeys, timeline, political context, only about 30 years since Christ's death and resurrection, and close to AD 70 - Roman siege and destruction
- Timothy introduced in Acts 16, described as a 'messenger' of Paul (1 Cor, 1Thess, Acts 19)
- Short summaries of each chapter
- Answers to (ecclesial) problems

‘God our Saviour’

‘Jesus Christ our Hope’

Verse 1

7x in Timothy and Titus

2 Sam. 22:3.

Ex. 14:30

Deut. 20:4

Judges 2:16-18

Psalms 28:9

Titus 1:3

Eph. 2:11-13

Col. 1:27

'son in the faith'

Verse 2

1 Cor. 4:16-17 :

16 Wherefore I beseech you, be ye **followers** of me.

17 For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is **my beloved son**, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.

followers - 'imitators' (ESV)

'grace, mercy, peace'

Verse 2

2 Tim. 1:2 (Paul's greeting)

Titus 1:4 (Paul's greeting)

2 John 1:3 (John's greeting to whom?)

Other references:

Gen. 19:19 (Lot)

Gal. 6:16-18 (peace, mercy, grace)

Heb. 4:16 (throne of grace)

'teach no other doctrine'

Verse 3

- 2 Cor. 11:3,4,13-15
- Gal. 1:6-12
- purity of doctrine / corruption of doctrine
- smooth, disguised, deceitful words
- remember the serpent in the garden
- appealing to the natural, fleshly, mortal brain

'fables and genealogies'

Verse 4

- a general statement or something specific?
- Jewish traditions/embellishments?
- Where should the teaching/preaching focus be?

'the end of the commandment is...'

Verse 5

- Love...

Ps. 24:3-5 - '...shall receive the blessing'

Matt. 5:8 - 'blessed are the pure in heart...'

- ...out of a pure heart

1 Sam. 25:31 - 'offence of heart' (Abigail)

- ...of a good conscience Heb. 5:12-14 - 'senses exercised to discern both good and evil'

1 Tim. 4:2, Titus 1:15 - 'seared', 'defiled'

- ...of faith unfeigned ('sincere faith' ESV) 2 Tim. 1:5 - sincere faith in Lois, Eunice, Timothy

Heb. 10:22 - Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

‘...having swerved...’

Verse 6

‘swerved’ - Strong’s G795 - to miss the mark

see also 1Tim. 6:21, 2Tim. 2:18 (have erred)

'desiring to be teachers'

Verse 7

V. 7 - 'desiring to be teachers of the law' - a warning bell?

Mark 13:22 - 'seduce' - G635 - to lead astray

1 Tim. 6:10 - 'erred' - the love of money

‘ACCORDING TO’

Verses 8-11

‘...according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.’ -verse 11

Lev. 19:17-18 - not hate thy brother...love thy neighbour

Matt. 5:21-24 - thou shalt not kill...whoever is angry with his brother...

Prov. 6:16-19 - these six things the Lord hates, yes seven...

Matt. 15:15-20 - that which comes out of the mouth defiles the man

Col. 3:5-14 - put to death your earthly characteristics...

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

‘...enabled me...’

Verse 12

V.12 - ‘enabled’ me - strengthened, empowered

see:

Philippians 4:11-13

2 Timothy 4:16-18

Heb. 11:34. - ‘out of weakness made strong’

‘...counted faithful...’

Verses 12-13

- counted faithful
- although a sinner (blasphemer, persecutor, injurious)
- received mercy
- put to work
- Heb. 11:11 - Sara... ‘counted’ Him faithful who had promised.
- Heb. 11:26 - Esteeming (‘counting’) the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt...

'grace, love, faith'

Verse 14

2Co 8:7 Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.

Tit 3:15 All that are with me salute thee. Greet them that love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen.

'a faithful saying'

Verse 15

- First of the 4 'faithful sayings' - 1Tim. 1:15, 1Tim. 4:9, 2Tim. 2:11, Titus 3:8
- This 1st faithful saying - Christ's purpose

Matt. 9:13 - 'I am not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance'

Rom. 5:8 - 'But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.'

'long-suffering'

Verse 16

- 'perfect patience' (ESV)
- a pattern of Jesus Christ at work

Gal. 5:22-23 - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Eph. 4:1-3 - I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Their Lives, Our Lives

Verses 15-16 - longsuffering continued

- James 5:10
- 1 Peter 3:20
- 2 Peter 3:15

'war a good warfare'

Verses 18-20

- What kind?
- 2 Cor. 10:4 - only other occurrence of 'warfare' (G4752)

War:

2 Tim 2:4 - no man that warreth entagleth himself with the affairs of this life

1 Peter 2:11 - abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul

Paul's 1st letter to Timothy

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- Paul's confidence in Timothy
- Timothy's life and work in the truth
- Our struggles and successes
- Eternal encouragements