

# 1 Timothy Chapter 1

### The Salutation

- Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus (1:1)
  - Apostle = one sent as a representative and with the authority of the sender
  - Referred especially to the 12 disciples of Jesus
  - Paul recognized as the apostle to the Gentiles (Acts 26:15-18; Galatians 2:7-9)

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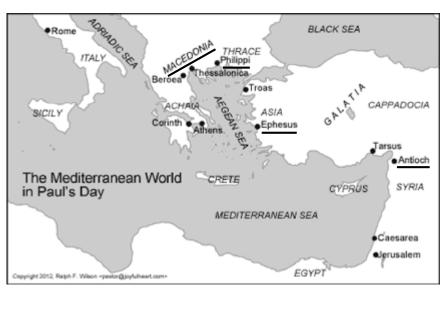
- Paul's Authority (1:1)
  - The command of God our Savior
  - The command of Christ Jesus, our hope
  - Though sent by the church in Antioch of Syria, his ultimate authority was from God the Father & God the Son.

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- To Timothy (1:2)
  - Paul's true child in the faith
- The Greeting
  - Grace—receiving favor I don't deserve
  - Mercy—not receiving the judgment I deserve
  - Peace—receiving quietness of spirit that transcends circumstances.
  - From God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord

#### What We Know about Timothy

- Was from area of Derbe/Lystra (Acts 16:1)
- Was the son of a Jewish mother & a Gentile father (Acts 16:1)
- Must have been saved on Paul's 1st missionary journey (Acts 14:6-20)
- Had a good reputation among believers (Acts 16:2)
- Joined Paul's team on the 2nd missionary journey (Acts 16:3)



### What We Know about Timothy

- Paul prayed for him night & day (2Tim. 1:3).
- Paul longed to see him when they were apart (2 Tim. 1:4).
- Paul praised his sincere faith & his godly heritage (2 Tim. 1:5).
- Paul challenged him to rekindle his gift & not be afraid (2 Tim. 1:6-7).
- Paul knew him to be caring & unselfish toward others (Php. 2:20-22).

#### What Were the False Teachings?

- Myths & endless genealogies (1:4)
- Empty speculations (1:4)
- Fruitless discussion (1:6)
- Unqualified, ignorant teaching (1:7)
- Self-elevation, pride (1:7)
- Rejection of the faith, blasphemy (1:19-20)

#### What Were the False Teachings?

- They will turn away from hearing the truth and will turn aside to <u>myths</u> (2 Timothy 4:4).
- But have nothing to do with pointless and silly <u>myths</u>. Rather, train yourself in godliness (1 Timothy 4:7).
- This testimony is true. For this reason, rebuke them sharply, so that they may be sound in the faith and may not pay attention to Jewish <u>myths</u> and the commands of people who reject the truth (Titus 1:13-14).

#### The False Teaching of Gnosticism

- ginōskō (Greek) = to know
- Was an elite group proud of knowledge that was exclusive, not available to all
- Saw matter as evil & spirit as good
- Sometimes abstained from certain foods & sex; other times were immoral
- If it existed at the time of 1 Timothy, it was an early form mixed with Judaism.

### 1 Timothy 1:5

- Paul stressed that Timothy should teach from a heart of love rooted in pure thoughts, a clear conscience, and genuine faith.
- This attitude would help him to deal with the false teachers in a Christ-like manner.

#### Romans 3:20, 23

- 20 [By] the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin.
- 23 [For] all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

#### 1Corinthians 6:11

 Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

#### Paul's Charge to Timothy

- Remember the expectations others have for you.
- Fight the good fight.
- Keep faith & a good conscience (compare 1:5).



#### Hymenaeus and Alexander

- False teachers
- Hypocrites
- Having shipwreckerd faith
- Blasphemers
- Delivered to Satan



## Why take such drastic action?

- They were quickly spreading false teaching far and wide (2 Tim. 2:17).
- They were putting the souls of others in danger (2 Tim. 2:18).



# LESSONS

- 1. Do your job in the face of obstacles and opposition (1:3-11).
- 2. Don't get so wrapped up in your job that you forget the goal:
  - Love from a pure heart
  - A good conscience
  - A sincere faith (1:5)



# LESSONS

- When things are tough, remind yourself of the privilege of serving God (1:11-17).
- 4. Remember why Jesus came into the world:"to save sinners"(1:15).

