

SETTING THINGS IN ORDER



STUDY OF 1 & 2 TIMOTHY

Salvation in Christ

1 Timothy 1:8-17

Having instructed the young preacher to tell others to stop teaching strange doctrines, Paul reveals that some want to be teachers but they do not understand the Law.

What makes a doctrine "strange?"

1 Timothy 1:8-17

Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, ⁹ understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, ¹⁰ the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, ¹¹ in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

¹² I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³ though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Positive aspects of the Law

Verses 8-11 is one long sentence

1. The Law is good if used _____ (2 Tim 2:15)

What would be ways to use the Bible "unlawfully?"

2. The Law is not for the just but the _____ (Rom 7:7)
- Paul's list of sins mirrors the Ten Commandments

What does the word "sound" mean (10)?

- 3x Paul uses the word "entrust" (1:11, 18; 6:20)
- He also uses it 3x in 2 Timothy
3. The Law has _____ for us (Rom 15:4; 1 Cor 10:11; Heb 12:1)

Personal Salvation

4. Verses 12-17 begin and end as a prayer
 - ▶ Paul is thankful that Christ could use him
 - He was not worthy, nor deserving
 - He lists three actions: blasphemer, persecutor and "violent aggressor" (NAS) - v. 13 (Acts 8:3; 9:2; 22:4)

How did Paul act in "unbelief" (ignorantly-NAS) (13)?

Was this the reason he was granted mercy?

Why does Paul use the present tense, I am the foremost sinner (15)? KJV: "chief of sinners"

- ▶ The grace of the Lord overflowed (14) - similar to Ps 23:5
- ▶ A Trustworthy statement (15) also found in 3:1; 4:9
- ▶ Paul's salvation was an example of God's patience (16)
- ▶ This section ends with several great declarations of Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ came to save sinners (15) Jesus Christ is immortal (17)
Jesus Christ is the eternal king (17) Jesus Christ is the only God (17)
Jesus Christ is immortal (17)