

“The Goal of the Law and Commandments”

Topic – Introduction to 1 Timothy

Text – 1 Timothy 1:1-5

I. The Author – “Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ” (1:1)

A. Paul’s Autobiography (1 Tim. 1:1a)

1. Culture (Acts 5:34; 18:2-3; 22:3, 6, 25-29; Galatians 1:14)
2. Contemporary of Christ and the Disciples (Acts 7:58-8:1; 22:20; 26:4)
3. Conversion on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:3-9; 26:15)
4. Commitment – Paul’s life and ministry were marked by passionate preaching and persecution (2 Corinthians 11:23-28; 12:7, 10)
5. Credentials and Calling to be an Apostle (Acts 9:17-21; 26:17-18)

B. Paul’s Authority – “Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ” (1 Tim. 1:1a)

1. Credentials - “an apostle” (Acts 26:16, 17)
2. “by Commandment of God our Savior” (1:1)

II. The Addressee – “unto Timothy” (1:2)

A. The Recipient – Who was Timothy? (1:2a)

1. Mixed parentage (Acts 16:1b)
2. Spiritual heritage (2 Timothy 1:5; 3:15)

B. Timothy’s Relationship with Paul – “my own son in the faith” (1:2b)

C. Paul’s Regards [Greetings; Blessings] (1:2c)

1. The Salutation (1:2c) – A triple blessing
2. The Source (1:2c)

III. The Apostle’s Authority and Alarm (1:3-11)

A. Authority - Paul Commissioned Timothy to minister in Ephesus (1:3a)

1. Paul “Charged” Timothy. (1:3a)
2. Timothy’s task in Paul’s absence was to Confront false teachers in the church. (1:3b)

B. Alarm - False Teachers and false Doctrine in the church (1:3b-11)

1. Nature of Paul's Charge (1:3b)
2. Nature of false Doctrine (1:4)

Conclusion (1:5)

A. “Now the end of the commandment” = “Charity” (1:5a)

B. Three heart soils produce “charity” (1:5b)

1. “pure heart” (1:5)
2. “good conscience” (1:5)
3. Unfeigned [sincere] faith (1:5)