BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH OF ERIE
SERMON OUTLINE
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#3 - Book of I Timothy –
"FIGHTING THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH"

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"TO GOD BE THE GLORY GREAT THINGS HE HATH DONE"

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Have you ever thought about what Paul's resume might look like if it was sent to a pastor search committee today? ***Physical condition*: *Relational skills: Temperament*: *Preaching Skills: Moral Stature:***
Paul declared his thanks to the Christ and his testimony to the church. Christian's are to give God thanks always. I want to challenge the people of God to daily and diligently live lives of thanksgiving.
Does your life show that you are grateful and thankful for the Savior and salvation? This passage gives us some reasons that God should be thanked.

I. The Praise Given to God Vs.12-13

Look at the three reasons why Paul was so thankful:

A. Because He Has Enabled Us – V-12

From that use of "**I**" we can deduct that thanksgiving and praise is personal! The word "***THANK***" means "to have constant gratitude to." It about and **attitude.**

B. He Has Entrusted Us V-12b

Paul declares to Timothy that it was Jesus that entrusted him to serve.
"**Counted" -** This word means "to consider carefully a course of action and to take into account the various issues at stake." Counted him to be "**Faithful" -** speaks of being "trustworthy". "**Ministry"** – simply means "**service**"

C. Because He Has Excused Us V-13

Paul revealed his incredible lack of moral qualifications, attaching to himself three negative descriptions: A ***blasphemer,*** A ***persecutor*** *and* A ***Injurious***, means a ***violent aggressor*** mistreats others, modern day **BULLY**.
But the basic causes of his godless behavior were "**ignorance**" and "**unbelief**."
John Phillips wrote, "Ignorance is not a valid plea in a court of law, but under grace it is weighed and accepted as a reasonable excuse when it is offered along with a repentant, broken heart." We ought to give thanks to Jesus every day for salvation full and free! In verses 12-13 we've seen the **PRAISE GIVE TO GOD**.
In verse 14 we see:

II. The Provision Given by God V-14

God has given to us a provision of grace. **Mercy** is not getting what we deserve, and **grace** is getting what we do not deserve. We do not deserve forgiveness of sins, reconciliation with God, eternal life in heaven, a relationship with Jesus. Paul magnifies the sufficiency of God's grace as "**Exceedingly abundant**" that is beyond measure. When is the last time that you really gave God heartfelt thanks for Christ Jesus? May the people of God in the house of God be a thankful people!

III. The Purpose Given From God Vs. 15-16

We see first the:

A. The Source of Salvation V-15

This is not "Fake News" like we hear so much about today. This faithful saying is not just good for some people some of the time, but it is good for all people of all time. "**Worthy of all acceptance**" means worthy to be accepted in every way, without reservations, without hesitation, without the least doubt.

B. The Scope of Salvation Vs.15c-16

Some will tell you today that Jesus died for only the elect; that God planned out salvation for only a few; that those who God planned to save will be saved and the rest will be lost. Paul in this verse magnifies the fact that Jesus came to save sinners and Paul tells Timothy of the extent of salvation. **God's salvation is for "Whosoever" will come!**
We are to give Him thanks because of the **PURPOSE GIVEN BY GOD**. We are also to give Him thanks because of:

IV. The Position of God V-17

Notice His:

A. His Preeminent Position. (17a)

"Now to the King"- All Paul could do after thinking about how God had saved him was to give praise, glory, and honor to the King.

B. His Permanent Position. (17b)

God is indeed eternal! He has a permanent position. He will reign forever and ever. He is the infinite and eternal God. Permanence is a hard concept for us to grasp, but we must realize that God is permanent.
He is the infinite God; He is the immortal God; He is the invisible God! God is Spirit and He cannot be formed or fashioned in the likeness of man or any other thing. He is the King that we are to worship!

***"We worship the only God who is wise, and His name is Jesus*."**
I want to close by telling the wonderful illustration of grace that Max Lucado tells in his book **"No Wonder They Call Him Savior." He Wrote:**

Do you need to come home today, then come?