



By Command of God
“Entrusted to You” Series”
1 Timothy 1:1-2
January 3, 2021
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Introduction

In this passage we are introduced to the Pastoral Letters and the opening “greeting” of 1 Timothy.

The Text: 1 Timothy 1:1-2

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope, ² To Timothy, my true child in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

1) The Books called “the Pastoral Letters:” A Brief Introduction.

a) 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, and Titus are called the Pastoral Letters.

b) What should we know about Paul, Timothy, and Titus?

c) What topics will the Pastoral Letters cover?

2) The letter’s “greeting” teaches us several things about the author, audience, and book (vv. 1-2).

a) Paul writes with apostolic authority (v. 1a).

b) The work of Paul and Timothy has a sacred purpose and a divine intention (v. 1b).

c) The ministry relationship between Paul and Timothy is both spiritual and personal (v. 2a).

d) The greeting’s threefold “blessing” carries the force of an apostolic benediction (v. 2b).

Response

This book was written at the command of God, and God wants us to hear everything in it.

Sunday Text Questions for 1 Timothy 1:1-2 (“Entrusted to You” Series)

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- 1) Starter Question: How is the opening “greeting” of an ancient letter like 1 Timothy (1:1-2) different than our letters today?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) Why might it be important that Paul claimed his participation in the office of apostle as he introduces himself in the opening of the letter (v. 1)?
- 4) Paul explains that his apostolic work was at the “command of God” (v. 1), including the writing of this letter. How should that truth magnify the importance of this letter and its message?
- 5) We often, like Paul, speak of Jesus Christ as “our Savior,” but what does it mean to say that Jesus Christ is “our hope” (v. 1)?
- 6) What do Paul’s words regarding Timothy, “my true child in the faith” (v. 2), tell you about their relationship?
- 7) How would you define God’s “grace” (v. 2), and in what ways is it important to your Christian life?
- 8) How would you define God’s “mercy” (v. 2), and in what ways is it important to your Christian life?
- 9) How would you define God’s “peace” (v. 2), and in what ways is it important to your Christian life?
- 10) How familiar are you with the Pastoral Letters, and what excites (or intimidates) you about working through them in this series?

Further study this week: Read all of 1 Timothy in preparation for this series: chapter 1 (Mon); chapter 2 (Tues); chapters 3-4 (Wed); chapter 5 (Thurs); chapter 6 (Fri).