



I Thank Christ
“Entrusted to You” Series
1 Timothy 1:12-17
January 17, 2021
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Introduction

In this passage we learn how a Christian’s life and ministry flow from and display God’s grace and power.

The Text: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

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.

- 1) Overall Message: A Christian’s life and ministry flows from and displays the grace and power of God.

- 2) This passage teaches us several important truths upon which we should reflect and respond:
 - a) *Every Christian is blessed to minister in service to the Lord Jesus Christ (v. 12).*

 - b) *The story of our conversion should humble and amaze us regarding God’s grace and love (vv. 13-14).*

 - c) *The gospel explains our sinful intentions toward God and God’s gracious intentions toward us (v. 15).*

 - d) *Our lives are billboards for God’s immense patience, forgiving mercy, and eternal glory (vv. 16-17).*

Response

Look in the mirror of the gospel this week and see the sinner God came to save.

Sunday Text Questions for 1 Timothy 1:12-17 (“Entrusted to You” Series)

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- 1) Starter Question: What is your testimony of the patience and grace of Jesus Christ in your life?
- 2) Read the text aloud and discuss together any significant observations or issues needing clarification.
- 3) Paul starts this section of his letter thanking Jesus Christ (v. 12). Why does Paul thank Jesus Christ, and should we follow his example and regularly be thanking Jesus Christ?
- 4) Based upon v. 12, in what ways does God similarly “appoint” and consider us “trustworthy” for ministry, and give us “strength” for the ministry he places us in?
- 5) Just to clarify, how is “ministry” not simply for pastors or church staff, but for every Christian?
- 6) What do vv. 13-14 teach us about Paul’s pre-Christian life, his conversion, and the way he understands the grace and love of God given to him through Jesus?
- 7) V. 15 is the first of five teaching statements (“trustworthy saying”) on the gospel. What does this statement teach us about the gospel?
- 8) In v. 16 Paul compares his sinful life with God’s grace. How would you compare your sinful life with the grace of God you have received through Jesus Christ?
- 9) Based upon the end of v. 16, how might God be using your life to “display his perfect patience as an example” for others? Said another way, how are you a “billboard for Jesus?”
- 10) What do the descriptive titles for God in v. 17 teach us about his person and character?

Further study this week: Passages talking about the ministry of every Christian: Ephesians 4:11-13 (Mon); 2 Corinthians 4:1-10 (Tues); 2 Timothy 2:15 (Wed); 1 Timothy 6:11-21 (Thurs); Acts 1:7-9 (Fri).