

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for January 17-18, 2004

"The Perspective of Paul"

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Paul is a contrast to the "certain men" (cf. 1 Tim. 1:3-7).

1. The product of God's grace (1:12)

- a. God's grace produces strength
- b. God's grace produces faithfulness
- c. God's grace produces ministry

2. The power of God's grace (1:13)

- a. Paul was a blasphemer: one who slanders God
- b. Paul was a persecutor: one who hunts
- c. Paul was a violent aggressor: one who derives pleasure from hurting others
- d. Paul was ignorant

Paul's ignorance was not informational but rather experiential

What is more significant than a person's evil deeds is how much truth they have rejected (Luke 12:47-48; Luke 23:34; Acts 3:17).

3. The provision of God's grace (1:14)

God's grace abounds "over and beyond" or is super-abundant

4. The people of God's grace (1:15)

1 Timothy 1:15 communicates the gospel:

- The person of Christ
- The work of Christ
- The need of man

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Paul's description of himself as the foremost shows:

- The humility of Paul
- The seriousness of Paul's sin

5. The purpose of God's grace (1:16)

The purpose of God's grace is ultimately to glorify God, not us.

6. The praise for God's grace (1:17)

The "King" is Jesus (cf. 1 Timothy 6:14-16).

The description of Christ shows His deity.

- God is eternal (Gen. 21:33; Psalm 90:2)
- God is immortal or incorruptible (Romans 1:23)
- God is invisible (Colossians 1:15)

Because of who Christ is, He is worthy of eternal praise.