

**Series "Entrusted With The Truth"**  
**"Gratitude For Grace"**  
**1 Timothy 1:12-17**  
**Study-3**

**Paul's Preoccupation in 1 Timothy 1 is with The Importance of Maintaining "True or Sound Doctrine" and "Refuting False Doctrine."**

**1. Verses 12-14 – Gratitude For Personal Grace**

**2. Verses 15-16 – Gratitude For General Grace**

**3. Verse 17 – Gratitude For The God Of Grace**

**1. Verses 12-14 – Gratitude For Personal Grace:**

1 Tim 1:12

"I thank" – The verb literally reads, "I am having thanks or grace"

Paul Names 3 Blessings He Thanks God For:

1. Thanks To Christ For Strengthening Him: "who has strengthened me," – "who has empowered me"

Philippians 4:13

"strengthened" – "within", Greek Word dunamis, we get "Dynamite, Dynamic"

2 Corinthians 3:5

1 Corinthians 15:10

2. Thanks To Christ For Counting Him Faithful: "considered me faithful,"

1 Corinthians 4:2

3. Thanks To Christ For Putting Him Into the Ministry: "putting me into service;"

The root word for deacon is a compound word, based upon ("through") and ("dust"); "a man who moves quickly to perform his tasks and makes a trail of dust by his haste."

Acts 13:2

Verse 13 – Paul’s Sinful Past: 1 Tim 1:13

Paul evaluates himself, and describes his past life in 3 terms:

1. I Was A Blasphemer: “I was formerly a blasphemer” – “to injure someone with slanderous, stupid words”

Matt. 12:31

2. I Was A Persecutor: “a persecutor”

Acts 8:3

Galatians 1:13

Acts 9:4-5

3. I Was A Violent Aggressor: “a violent aggressor” – KJV “injurious” (Violent Man) “A mixture of arrogance and insolence, which finds satisfaction in insulting and humiliating other people”; He was a religious bully.

Acts 26:11

Verses 13-14 – Paul’s Conversion:

“I was shown mercy,” – He literally “was mercied”

2 Corinthians 4:1

Mercy – “God withholds from man the judgment he deserves (mercy) and gives to him what he does not deserve (grace)”

2 reasons why God spared Paul.

1. Paul Sinned Ignorantly: “I acted ignorantly” – Numbers 15:27-31

OT Called it – “Sinning Defiantly” (Unrepentant); NT Called it – “Sin against the Holy Spirit”

2. Paul Sinned In Unbelief: “in unbelief”

1 Tim 1:14

Grace – “God’s loving forgiveness, by which He grants exemption from judgment, and the promise of temporal and eternal blessing to guilty and condemned sinners freely, without any worthiness on their part, and based on nothing they have done or failed to do”

Romans 5:20

I John 4:19

Romans 5:5

## **2. Verses 15-16 – Gratitude For General Grace:**

1 Tim 1:15

The Content Of The Gospel Is True: “It is a trustworthy statement,” – “This is a faithful saying.”

The Offer Of Salvation Is Universal: “deserving full acceptance,” – “complete acceptance, completely reliable and should be universally accepted unreserved”

Jesus Christ – Is God Who Came In Flesh: “that Christ Jesus came into the world”

The Essence Of The Gospel – To Save Sinners: “to save sinners,”

John 14:6 – “I am The Way, And The Truth, And The Life.”

Acts 4:12

Sinners – “missing the mark, falling short”

Mark 10:45

John 3:16-17

John 1:11-13

The Application Of The Gospel Is Personal: “I am foremost of all.”

1 Corinthians 15:9

Ephesians 3:8

Verse 16 – A Pattern For Salvation: 1 Tim 1:16

Jesus Christ might demonstrate – “show by an act or actions”

1. Example of Mercy – Paul did not deserve God’s mercy and grace.
2. Example Of Patience – “His perfect patience”
3. Example Of Future Belief – “as an example” – “outline, sketch, example pattern”; A model placed before someone to be copied.

“believe in Him” – “to entrust, to rely, to place entrust of”

### **3. Verse 17 – Gratitude For The God Of Grace:**

The Object Of Praise: “Now to the King eternal,” – literally reads “the king of the ages”

“Immortal” – “Imperishable, incorruptible, and immortal”

“Invisible” – For the physical eye cannot see Him. 1 Timothy 6:16

“the only God” – (First Commandment) Isaiah 45:18

(KJV) God is “only wise”; He is omniscient. He knows all things, both actual and possible, eternally.

Description Of Praise: “be honor and glory”

### **Application:**

1. A True Child Of God Has A Heart Of Gratitude For God’s Saving Grace
2. The Closer One Gets To Jesus Christ, The More Conscious One Becomes Of The Reality Of Being The Worst Of Sinners
3. God Saved Paul As An Example; No One Is Past God’s Saving Grace
4. God’s Mercy Was Extended To Paul In His Ignorance, Not For Rebellion
5. A True Testimony Should Lead To Worship And Praise