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The Study of 1Timothy

Lesson No.3



1Timothy 1:1-20

The Church and Its Message

Ten Commandments



- Unlawful Use
- Lawful Use

Key Verse: 1Timothy 1:15 this is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners of whom I am chief.

INTRODUCTION: The Epistles of Paul carries great importance in the composition of the New Testament. It is in them that we find an all-encompassing revelation of the mysteries of the Gospel teachings.

I. Epistles of Paul: The following epistles are not in any chronological order, but are arranged according to their significance and magnitude of their circulation, and by the relative importance of the Church and its people who they are addressed.

- Romans; 1Corinthians; 2Corinthians; Galatians; Ephesians; Philippians; Colossians; 1Thessalonians; 2Thessalonians; 1Timothy; 2Timothy; Titus; Philemon; Hebrews.

The Epistles begin with a greeting to the reader/readers and include an expression of gratitude to God for His providential activity about the person/place it is addressed to. The Epistles are usually divided into two parts: (1) religious instructions "*doctrinal*" and (2) moral directives, i.e. touching upon important matters and charging individuals with various commissions (commandment) v.5

II. Purpose of 1Timothy: Paul urges Timothy to stay on at Ephesus in order that he might charge "*certain individuals*" not to teach differently. Timothy, rather than Paul was better able to identify this small group because he was living in Ephesus.

- The "*certain individuals*" included Hymenaeus and Alexander (verse 20) and others.
- This small group was yearning to be "*law-teachers*", although they understood neither the words which they were speaking, nor the themes on which they were harping with such confidence vv.6-7

III. The Judaizers: False teachers who secretly entered the churches and taught other doctrine "*heterodoxy*" (false teaching). **Galatians 2:4-10** The Judaizers were responsible for three false teachings and three New Testament books refute their teachings.

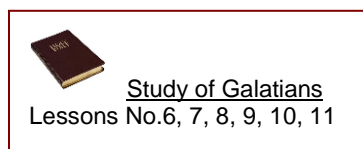
- Galatians: Galatianism, "*salvation by grace plus keeping the law*"
- Romans: Legalism, "*salvation by keeping the law*"
- James: Antinomianism, "*salvation by grace with liberty to live as you please*"

Sound Doctrine (i.e. hygienic) v.4 promotes “*spiritual health*” and “*godly edifying*” characterized by: (1) a pure heart, (2) a good conscience, without feeling guilty and (3) faith unfeigned, without hypocrisy. **1Timothy 6:3; 2Timothy 4:3; Titus 1:9**

- The problem with these “*false teachers*” as is often the case, was a matter of the ego. They wanted to become respected teachers of the Law. Yet they were completely incapable of doing so. But instead of recognizing their inadequacies and remaining silent, they went on babbling as if with great authority.

1. Ten Commandments-Unlawful Use: These “*certain individuals*” willfully Misinterpreted-Misapplied-Mislead others with their false teaching about the Law.

Three Aspects of the Law: Ceremonial (Leviticus); Civil (Deuteronomy) and Ten Commandments (Exodus). It was the unlawful use of the Ten Commandments, “*teaching that to keep this aspect of the law merits salvation*”



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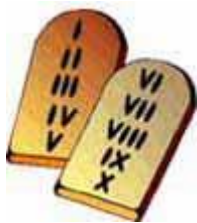
- Defense of Justification by Faith
- Defense of Christian Liberty

There is an inappropriate, legalistic use of the Law which Paul disavowed, but there is also a proper use of the Law that Paul embraced. **Galatians 3:19; 24**

- The Law is designed to show people their sinfulness.

2. Ten Commandments-Lawful Use: The 10 Commandments are the only words in the Bible written by the finger of God. **Exodus 31:18; 34:1** Paul viewed the Law as “*holy, righteous and good*” v. 8 and **Romans 7:12**

- The Law is intended for those who remain unconvinced of their sin vv.8-10



- **Exodus 20:3-11**
- **Exodus 20:12-17**

Man to God Relation
First Tablet

- lawbreakers and rebels
- the ungodly and sinful
- the unholy and irreligious

Man to Man Relation
Second Tablet

- those who kill their parents, murders
- adulterers
- slave traders and kidnapping
- liars and perjurers

Paul’s yardstick for measuring what is and is not sound teaching was the message of the gospel v.11 and **Titus 1:3** Christ came to seek and to save sinners, for whom Paul saw himself as the “*chief of sinners*” **Luke 19:10**

The “*faithful saying*” in the Pastoral Epistle:

- Relates to Life’s Salvation: **1Timothy 1:15**
- Relates to Life’s Service: **1Timothy 3:1**
- Relates to Life’s Suffering: **1Timothy 4:9**
- Relates to Life’s Secret: **2 Timothy 2:11**
- Relates to Life’s Sanctification: **Titus 3:8**