

## Becoming the Living Picture of God - 1 Timothy

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- A. Faithful, reliable is the saying concerning the gospel: "Christ Jesus Came into the world to save sinners." If nothing else is true, it is!
- B. The meaning of this faithful message: economic act of the Father
  1. Christ, Jesus Heavenly splendor will condescend Isaiah 6:1-5
  2. Came into the world to save - Philippians 2:6-8
  3. Foremost—do I see how I may be the worst of all sinners?

### II. Divine mercy sketches out the character of God: His patience v.16

God's mercy on sinners transforms us, we become His sketch of mercy. Any who come to believe on Jesus as savior for sin, as their only way of forgiveness, only hope of change, then display God's divine character!

### III. Glory for God (full purpose of God) - doxology of the King v. 17

- The vastness of the subject matter overpowers the honest person- if you let Him be God, then you will be overwhelmed as was Paul
- A. King eternal – He sits enthroned, Lord of Lord, King of Kgs. Rev 17:14
  - B. immortal - death is swallowed up in immortal life 1 Corin. 15:20-27
  - C. invisible "...dwells unapproachable light, no one can see." 1Tim 6:16
  - D. only God "I am the Lord, there is no other" Isaiah 45:18

#### Application:

1. The gift comes at the expense of the giver John 15:13 "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." American Christians, let us value the awesome cost of our national liberties, privileges as the means to fuller usefulness to do Christ's Kingdom work!
2. I embrace Jesus for salvation--is my faith daily asking & doing His will?  
Do I have private reservations, personal doubt gospel applies to all my life?  
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