

**We Are the Living Picture of God - 1Timothy**  
**Reflect the Saving Heart of God - 1Timothy 2:1-7**

**Introduction:**

**I. Your prayer is essential to God's saving plan for humanity. vss. 1-3**

**A.** Prayer is cornerstone, legitimacy for a church

1. Supplications, entreaties, requests
2. Prayer – gen'l. term addressing God on ever present matters
3. Intercessions/petitions – pleading in interest of others
4. Thanksgivings – grateful submission to God, glad His providence of all  
- Philippians 4:6-7

**B.** Praying church becomes godly church vs. 2b “godliness & dignity”

- Life transformation goes on as Jesus works deliverance in saints
- Quiet, calmed inner life, Tranquil outer life – take on Christ's character

**II. God desires for all humanity to be saved from sin. vss. 3-6**

- A transformation from OT Heb. particularism **to** NT generalism all tribes

**A. 2:1** behalf of all men                      **2:2** all in authority

**2:4** all be saved                              **2:6** all by ransom

**B.** We are the spotlight of God, showing His heart for the nations

But an apparent conflict in scripture?—well not really: Matt 11:27

2 Thess. 2:13                      Ephes. 1:4-5                      Romans 8:30

So vs. 4 is expression of God's divine desire: “For God so loved the world that He gave” Jn.3:16 Kent Hughes commentary “It's not our responsibility to solve the apparent puzzle of divine sovereignty & human responsibility”

**III. The proper time to tell the world of this is now. vss. 5-7**

A statement of confession: **One God, One mediator, One ransom, One proper time/appro. season: It is now!** John 1:7-9 “Now is the time of Jesus”

**Summarize:** The local church is not exclusive club, not comfy space. Rather, thru heartfelt, bold prayer & personal godliness become living pic of God's saving heart for the perishing world.

**Application:**

1. Our individual & corporate prayer be fervent, expansive as Paul urged. A Christlike lifestyle of words and actions to point world to Christ, our truly good news!
2. Consider God's earnest desire vs. 4 to see all delivered, come to full understanding of His truth. Do you know that truth, has it set you free?

**1Timothy 2:1-7**

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. <sup>7</sup>For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.