

We Are the Living Picture of God - 1 Timothy

Setting the Stage: It's God's Commission 1 Timothy 1:1-2

Introduction:

God, by setting up the order of His churches, is telling the story of His great heart for fallen mankind. We are the unfolding of what has been a mystery to world. As the local church & as individuals, we display Him-all His beauty.

I. God's purpose vs. 1

A. Paul, a sent one, an apostle from Jesus Christ

John 6:70, Acts 9:15-16 Galatians 2:7-9

B. By the order of God our Savior

Luke 1:47

C. By the lead of Jesus our hope

Christ the anointed One Jesus Jehovah our salvation

II. To Timothy- trusted brother in Christ vs. 2 Paul's son in the faith 20 yrs

III. The timeless threefold greeting of the Church of Christ vs. 2

A. **Grace** – gift we don't deserve

B. **Mercy** – not giving to us what we do deserve

C. **Peace** – the war of enmity with God is over, struggle is over

Application: Hope is very big! We tell God's story to a hopeless world and they see something that cannot be found elsewhere.

How far can a person go without hoping in God?

Come, Jesus is calling you!

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Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope,

²To Timothy, my true child in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus

1 Timothy 3:14-16

¹⁴I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, ¹⁵if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth. ¹⁶Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:

He was manifested in the flesh,
vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations,
believed on in the world,
taken up in glory.