

## Becoming the Living Picture of God - 1 Timothy

### Overflowing Grace is Ours 1 Timothy 1:12-14

**Introduction:** We all like a good human interest story. The insignificant one, the implausible rises to something great.

#### I. The grace of our Lord is more than abundant— no one mess with it! v.14

False teaching obscures grace      True teaching amplifies grace

Grace features the kindness of the Giver, not the worthiness of receiver!

#### II. Grace sees through & shines into our broken lives vs. 13

Should God reward us because we appear to be good?

- blasphemer
- persecutor
- violent
- ignorant
- unbelieving

Acts 22:4, 20

#### III. Grace is all about God taking the initiative vs. 12

Christ is Paul's enabling power, and God must be our enabler

It had nothing to do with Paul's ability nor prior performance

#### IV. Grace pours out in great supply for our everyday living vs. 11

Mercy vs. 13

Faith & Love vs. 14

#### Application:

-Grace of the gospel makes life for us level playing field, the same playbook

-We need fresh reminders of grace as our solution to any ongoing problem.

Grace dethrones our self-will tendencies! Romans 11:33-36

**Palm Sunday is the story of that week in history that only God could have written. It's a story that looks sadly broken but ends in Overflowing Grace!**

## 1 Timothy 1:12-14 ESV

**I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service,<sup>13</sup> though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief,<sup>14</sup> and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.**