

MAY I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE – 1 TIMOTHY 1:1-4

Today we begin our textual study of *the _____ epistle of Paul the apostle to Timothy*. Here Paul writes to a pastor he personally led to Christ and disciplined, a young man that ministered to the apostle for nearly ten years. It is important to note that every _____ has three center parts—the greeting, the body, and the close. Unlike a modern business letter, a biblical salutation is more detailed. It sets the reader off in a specific _____ the writer is about to elaborate. Because of the nature of this introduction we will learn and be challenged to apply many points that Timothy would also have considered.

1. A great greeting – 1 Timothy 1:1-2

a. An apostle of Jesus Christ by the _____ of God – verse 1a

- Apostle – a sent forth one; one sent forth by Jesus Christ – Mt. 10:1-7
- By commandment – directive, order, charge, mandate, a decree...

Paul was commanded by God and *was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision* – Acts 26:19

b. An encouraging declaration – verse 1b

- An assertion of _____ – Saviour
- A statement of deity – God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ
- A pronouncement of confidence and anticipation – Which is our _____

c. A personal touch – verse 2

- My own _____ in the _____ – verse 2a; 1 Cor. 4:14-15; 2 Ti. 2:2
- The assurance of God – verse 2b

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord

2. Please _____, and give me your full attention – 1 Timothy 1:3-4

a. Timothy is the pastor of the large city church in Ephesus – verse 3a

b. Timothy is to charge some (those easily side-tracked or possible trouble-makers) that they teach no other _____ – verse 3b

- _____ doctrine – 1 Ti. 1:10; 2 Ti. 4:3; Titus 1:9; 2:1

c. Timothy is not to be distracted

- Do not give heed to – verse 4a; 1 Ti. 4:7; 2 Ti. 4:4; Titus 1:14

Fables (fiction) – Only certain chosen people will be saved by God—others are chosen to be damned, water baptism by total immersion and communion are not for today, only Paul’s writings are for us today, baptism for salvation, apostolic signs and wonders are for today, purgatory, salvation by good works, Papal authority, priestly confession, Mariolatry, use of prayer beads and icons, salvation thru church membership, prosperity gospel, it is possible to lose genuine salvation, homosexual marriage, changing genders, flat earth, evolution, Jesus is not God, etc., etc., etc.

Endless genealogies – An endless genealogy is an ongoing debate about the account or history of the lineage of persons, families or traditions, beliefs, practices and methodology, etc., etc., etc. It’s endless!

Throughout biblical history, Jewish leaders argued their own ancestry vs. Christ’s – Mt. 3:7-9; Jo. 8:33-40, 56-59. Roman Popes claim their genealogy all the way back to Peter. Mormons keep detailed genealogies because of their false doctrine of baptizing for the dead wrested from 1 Cor. 15:29.

- These things minister questions rather than godly edifying which is in _____

- So make sure to _____ this—make sure to listen to my _____