

Title: The King of Ages Loves the Chief of Sinners - Part 2

Passage: 1 Timothy 1:15-17

Draft Summary

- Believe the King's mission (v.15)
- Behold the King's mercy (v.16)
- Belove the King's immutability (v.17)

Possible Discussion Questions

- What does it mean to 1) believe in the King's mission, 2) behold the King's mercy, and 3) belove the king's immutability?
 - What next steps will you take in response to the sermon?
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<https://accordance.bible/link/read/LSB#1Tim. 1:12>

EXPOSITION

Overview

- I. Believe the King's mission (v.15)
- II. Behold the King's mercy (v.16)
- III. Belove the King's immutability (v.17)

I. Believe the King's Mission

1 Timothy 1:15

It is a trustworthy saying and deserving full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost.

It is a trustworthy saying and deserving full acceptance

- Do we believe in God's Word?
- Do we trust the Gospel and receive it with full acceptance?
 - Regardless of how we feel.

that Christ Jesus

- Christ Jesus
 - Real man of history who lives today

2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

Psalms 2:7-9

I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

came into the world to save

- What did Jesus come to save us from?
 - Hell
- Who did Jesus come to save us from?
 - God's wrath

Luke 12:5

But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him!

Revelation 14:10-11

he also will drink the wine of God's wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name."

sinners

- Need a Savior from our sin and its judgment due because of it.

Luke 18:10-14

"Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

Luke 19:2-3 (Zacchaeus)

And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature.

Luke 19:9-10

And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Luke 23:39-43

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

- God's grace is great to any sinner who repents and turns to Him.

among whom I am foremost.

Previously - Paul wrote:

1 Corinthians 15:9

For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

- Paul wrote when he was 54

Ephesians 3:8

To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,

- Paul wrote 7 years later

Now

- foremost of sinners

II. Behold the King's mercy (v.16)

1 Timothy 1:16

Yet for this reason I was shown mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Christ Jesus might demonstrate all His patience as an example for those who are going to believe upon Him for eternal life.

Yet for this reason I was shown mercy,

- God's mercy was graciously extended to sinners

so that in me

- God's miraculous work occurs from within
 - Not superficial but transformative

As the foremost, Christ Jesus might demonstrate

- demonstrate = expose / make known
- What to make known?

all His patience

- God's immense and wonderful patience

as an example

- example of what? An example for all sinners
- As the worst of sinners, God's mercy extends.

for those who are going to believe upon Him for eternal life

- "Who are going" = "who are thinking and considering"

1 Timothy 6:19

thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

III. Belove the King's immutability (v.17)

1 Timothy 1:17

Now to the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Now to the King of the ages

- God is the King of all ages for all eternity.

immortal

- undying, incorruptible, indestructible

invisible

- we cannot see God but He is still very real.

1 Peter 1:8-9

Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

the only God,

- Behold and belove that the only God of the universe is the One who sent Jesus Christ.

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

- God does not share his honor or glory with anything because He is the only One.