

“Commanded By God”

1 Timothy 1: 1-2

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The Gospel Charge Is The Purity Of Heart That Is The Fruit Of Correct Doctrine, Faith & Love, (vs. 3 - 4)

The Gospel Charge Begins With A Life Committed To The Commands Of God, (vs. 1-2)

Message Emphasis: Many today are simply uncommitted to the Christian life. Christianity is seen more as an association than as a call or charge from God. We must understand that to be a Christian means that a person is enlisted in the Kingdom of God as one who serves whole heartedly before Christ.

“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.” (John 15:16-17, ESV)

1) The Divine Call Of God Is A NECESSARY Prerequisite To The Gospel Charge, (vs. 1a)

- It is no accident who you are *How serious are you about the call of God on your life?*

“Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus

“Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD.”” (Jeremiah 1:4-8)

“But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.”” (Acts 9:15-16, ESV)

2) The Divine Call Of God MUST Be The Sole Authority Directing The Gospel Charge, (vs. 1b)

- If our salvation has been commanded by God, shouldn't all subsequent moments? *When we believe we chose God?*

by command of God our Savior

“Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness, in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began and at the proper time manifested in his word through the preaching with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior;” (Titus 1:1-3, ESV)

- We are not submissive by coercion, but through hope

I have been given everything for abundant life!

and of Christ Jesus our hope,

“To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.” (Colossians 1:27-29, ESV)

“Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.” (Jude 24-25, ESV)

3) The Divine Call Of God Is ALWAYS Others Focused, (vs. 2a)

- **We are moved To Timothy, my true child in the faith:** *“If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you... For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.” (Romans 8:11 & 14, ESV)*

4) The Divine Call Of God Will CERTAINLY Bring About Its Ordained Purposes, (vs. b)

- **Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.”**

*****What Must I Do To Fulfill The Charge? *****

Message Directive: Look to Christ for the salvation of your soul; ONLY in Christ will you find real fellowship

2. The Gospel Charge Requires An Unwavering Commitment To Pure Doctrine, (vs. 3 - 7)
3. The Gospel Charge Understands The Proper Role Of God's Law In His Work Of Grace, (vs. 8 - 11)