

## "The Ignorance Of Unbelief"

1 Timothy 1: 12 - 17

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

**Message Emphasis:** Many of us in one way or another still believe that we had something to do with our salvation. That is, God has moved upon us because we displayed some sort of quality that was attractive to God; even if He recognized these qualities before time and space. We must understand that though salvation is an interactive affair, it is none-the-less initiated by God for His good pleasure alone and that there is absolutely nothing meritorious in any of us that would move God to save us.

*"Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God." Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the Twelve? And yet one of you is a devil.""* (John 6:68-70, ESV)

### The Gospel Charge Admits That This Work Of Grace Is NOT Based On Our Own Merit, (vs. 12 - 17)

- Genuine thankfulness is the natural result of grace, (12 - 13a)
- Genuine acknowledgement is also the fruit of grace, (vs. 13b - 14)

- Genuine profession is the fruit of grace, (vs. 15)

#### The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance,

*What do we have if not the Gospel?*

- Grace opens my understanding of who Jesus is - that Christ Jesus came (Aor.Act.Ind) into the world to save (Aor.Act.Inf) sinners,

*"And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.""* (Mark 2:16-17, ESV)

- Grace opens my understanding of my inability - of whom I am the foremost.

*"I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants." "* (Luke 15:18-19, ESV)

- Genuine testimony is the fruit of grace, (vs. 16)

#### But I received mercy (Aor.Pas.Ind) for this reason,

*What do we have if not forgiveness?*

- Grace teaches me that it is the work of Christ in me

**that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display (Aor.Mid.Subj) his perfect patience**

*"Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God."* (2 Corinthians 4:1-2, ESV)

- Grace teaches me that I am used for other's benefit

**as an example to those who were (Prs.Act.Part) to believe (Pres.Act.Inf) in him for eternal life.**

*"And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.""* (John 6:39-40, ESV)

- Genuine worship is the fruit of grace, (vs. 17)

*What do we have if not eternal peace with God?*

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

### \*\*\*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 grace sufficient to save your soul.

5. The Gospel Charge Warns That Abandoning Pure Faith & Doctrine Leads To Destruction, (vs. 18 - 20)
6. The Gospel Charge Reveals The Purposes Of God In Human Affairs, (vs. 2:1 - 7)
7. The Gospel Charge Highlights God's Institution of Authority In Daily Living, (vs. 8 - 15)
8. The Gospel Charge Specifically Qualifies Those Who Are Called To Instruct In Doctrine, (vs. 3: 1 - 7)
9. The Gospel Charge Specifically Qualifies Those Who Are Called To Lead In Service, (vs. 8 - 13)
10. The Gospel Charge Summarizes How We Live In The Mystery Of The Gospel, (vs. 14 - 16)
11. The Gospel Charge Clarifies That All Things Created By God Are Good, (vs. 4: 1 - 5)