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I Timothy Chapter 1

Overview:

- One of the 'pastoral letters'—I and II Timothy and Titus.
- Paul is an old apostle (30 years after his conversion), nearing his death by martyrdom.
- Writing from a dungeon while imprisoned in Rome.
- Writing to his young protégé and young pastor in Ephesus.
- His next-to-last letter (II Timothy is his last).
- Written to instruct Timothy how to conduct his life, lead the church and deal with church issues.

Issues addressed:

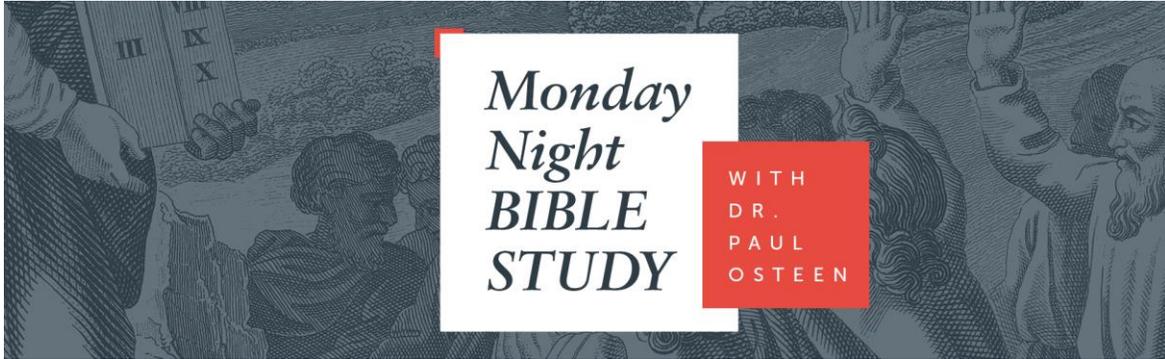
- One of the main issues is the false teachers and false teaching/doctrine that had infiltrated the church and was influencing the church.
- Other issues addressed are:
 - qualification for church leaders,
 - what it means to live out our faith,
 - how we treat widows and slaves.

Chapter 1:

- Greeting (verses 1-2)
- False teachers/false teaching (verses 3-7)
- Proper role of the Law (verses 8-12)
- God's grace to Paul (verses 13-17)
- Paul Encourages Timothy to remain faithful (verses 18-20)

Paul the Apostle:

1. The city of Paul's birth. He was known as Saul of _____.
2. Paul was of _____ religion/faith.
3. Paul studied under this famous rabbi in Jerusalem - _____.
4. Paul was a citizen of this country - _____.
5. Paul was from the tribe of _____.



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6. Paul spoke Hebrew, Greek and _____.
7. By trade, Paul was a _____.
8. Paul was present at the stoning and martyrdom of _____.
9. Paul _____ the early Christians and early Church. Acts 9:1-6, 15
10. Paul had a conversion experience on the road to _____.
11. Paul was sent by Jesus to this group of people - _____.
12. This doctor accompanied Paul on several mission trips - _____.
13. Paul was martyred in _____ during the reign of _____.
14. Paul wrote _____ books (epistles) in the New Testament.

Timothy—Evangelist and Pastor:

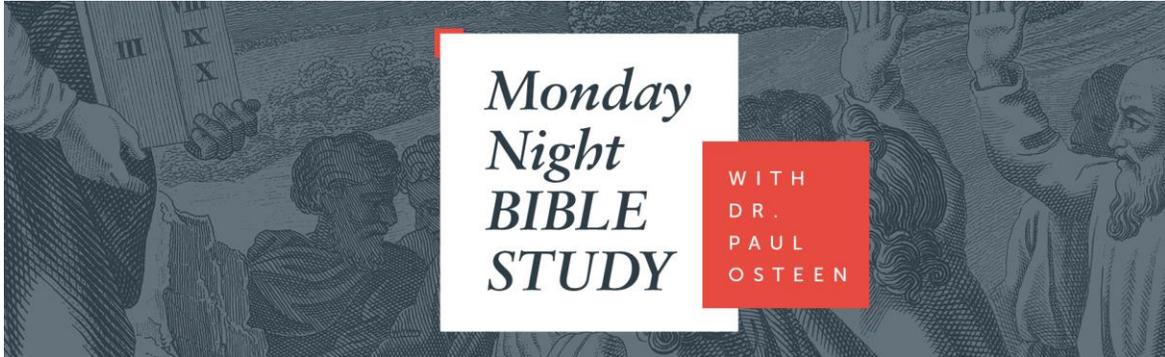
1. Born in this city - _____.
2. Mother - _____ and grandmother _____ were both Christians who were of the Jewish faith.
3. His father was of _____ decent.
4. Timothy was converted as a young person during Paul's first missionary journey. See Acts 14 to understand what young Timothy probably witnessed during this visit.
5. Mentored by _____.
6. Accompanied Paul on many missionary journeys and was sent on many crucial missions for Paul (Corinth, Ephesus, etc.).
7. Mentioned as co-author of 6 of Paul's letters.
8. First bishop/pastor in this city - _____.
9. Was beaten and stoned to death at 80 years old.

Verse 2: Grace, mercy and peace...

The Hebrew concept of 'peace' includes health, prosperity and peace of mind.

False teachers/false teaching (verses 3-7)

One of the false teachings involved those that who wanted to be seen as teachers of the Law and they:



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- DEVOTED themselves to myths, endless genealogies...PROMOTED controversies, meaningless talk ('empty words of men'), arguments, debate, lead only down endless blind tunnels (no answers), no spiritual value.
- RESULTED conflict, division and dis-unity and some believers being led astray.
- DEVOTE ourselves to Jesus.
- ENGAGE in conversation that strengthens and PROMOTES love and encouragement, builds people up in their faith (not tear them down)
- RESULTS in unity. (What can we agree on? Let's talk about that!)

Proper role of the Law (verses 8-10)

The Law = Torah, the first five books of the Bible, the laws that Moses gave to the people (Ten Commandments + 600 Mitzvot) found in the Torah.

The Law is meant to:

- Bring conviction of sin to the unrighteous
- Bring the revelation of sin to the evildoers and rebellious, the sinner without God.

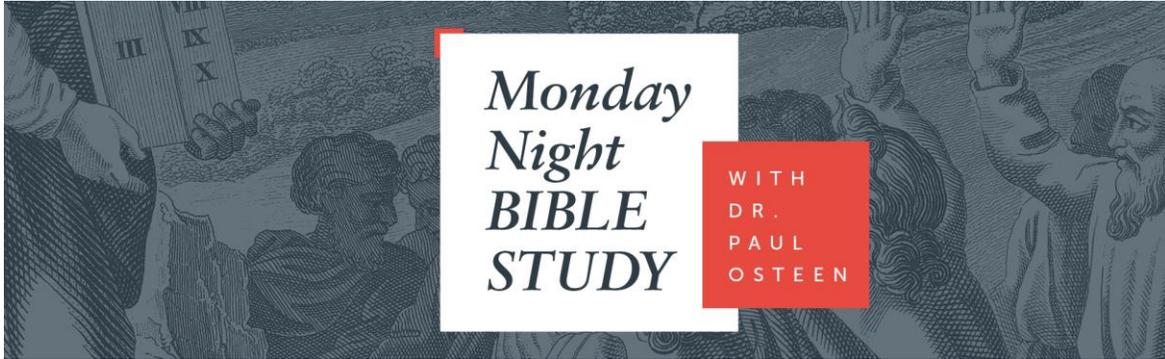
I would not have known what sin was had it not been for the law. Romans 7:7

So, the law was put in charge of us until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. Galatians 3:24

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. Romans 8:1-2

“Paul wanted to be sure that he was not misunderstood. He is emphasizing that the Law is good PROVIDED IT IS USED PROPERLY. There is an inappropriate, legalistic use of the Law which Paul disavowed, but there is also a proper use of the Law that Paul embraced.

The Law is designed to show people their sinfulness. Thus, the Law is not for one who had already recognized his sin and turned to Christ. That person is no longer under the Law but should now walk in the Spirit. The Law is intended for those who remained unconvinced of their sin.”



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God's grace to Paul (verses 12-17)

Paul Encourages Timothy to remain faithful (verses 18-20)

Good Conscience

- As believers, our conscience is our spirit which has come alive when we were born again.
- And the Holy Spirit lives inside of each of us (temples of the Holy Spirit).
- The Holy Spirit will speak to our spirit—deep down inside.

- Our conscience is one of the ways God convicts us of sin. Leads us to confess or ask for forgiveness or make restitution. And then that uneasiness goes away.

- Our conscience is one of the ways God's leads us and directs us.
- Keeps us on the right path.

