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Lessons from I & II Timothy and Titus

Lesson 3 – "Living in a World of Sinners" and "Roles in the Church: Men"

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I Tim 1:8-17; I Tim 2:1-8
II Tim 3:1-13;
Titus 3:1-8
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1 TIMOTHY 1:8-17:

Is there anything wrong with the Law?

The proper use of the Law is:

- 1. The Law leads us to be justified by faith in Christ.
- 2. The Law exposes and defines sin.
- 3. The Law breaks self-reliance.

Paul's understanding of God's grace made his new life possible. If God could work through a man like Paul, he can work through the rest of us as well.

In verses 12–17, Paul expresses his profound thanksgiving for God's faithfulness.

- A. God ... (1:12, 14–15)
 - 1. Selected Paul (1:12).
 - 2. Saved Paul (1:14–15).
- B. God did this while Paul was a blasphemer and violent persecutor of Christians. (1:13).
- C. God did it to demonstrate his amazing grace to even the worst of sinners. (1:16–17).

2 TIMOTHY 3:

What are "the last days" in verse one?

- I. The Perversions (3:1–9): We have a list of 18 sinful attitudes or actions.
 - A. The evil (3:1–5)
 - 1. People will love only themselves and their money (3:1–2a).
 - 2. They will be proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, and unholy (3:2b).
 - 3. They will be without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, and brutal (3:3).
 - 4. They will be treacherous and will be lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God (3:4).
 - 5. They will have a form of godliness but will deny its power (3:5).
 - B. The examples (3:6–8): Paul lists two types of people involved in apostasy.
 - 1. Sexually weak-willed, sin-burdened women (3:6–7).
 - 2. Depraved men who will oppose God as Jannes and Jambres once opposed Moses (3:8–9)

- II. The Prescription (3:10–17): Having diagnosed the disease, Paul now proposes a two-fold preventative against it.
 - A. Timothy is to continue in the work of God (3:10–13).
 - B. Timothy is to continue in the Word of God (3:14–17).

How are we supposed to battle such an army of perverse, false teachers?

Sola Scriptura.

Can someone teach falsely without being a false teacher? One can be wrong on a Bible subject without deserving the label of "false teacher." He becomes a false teacher when he stubbornly clings to his false doctrine after being exposed to the truth.

TITUS 3:

- I. The Will of God (3:1–2): Paul summarizes the divine will for believers.
 - A. In regard to rulers, what are we supposed to do? (3:1).
 - B. In regard to the rest, what are we supposed to do? (3:2).
- II. The Work of God (3:3-7):
 - **A.** Our godlessness (3:3): We were deceived, disobedient, and depraved sinners.
 - B. His graciousness (3:4–7)
 - 1. Christ came to earth (3:4).
 - 2. He washes away our sins (3:5).
 - 3. He gives us the indwelling Spirit (3:5b–6).
 - 4. He fully justifies us (3:7).
 - 5. He assures us of eternal life (3:7).

Titus 3:8

"Roles in the Church: Men"

Texts: I Tim 2:1-8;

- I. The (Public) Worship of God (2:1–2, 8):
 - A. For whom should we pray? (2:1-2)
 - 1. For everyone (2:1)
 - 2. For those in authority (2:2)
 - B. Why should we pray? (2:2b):
 - C. Who is to Pray? (2:8): The leading of public prayers are restricted to men.
 - D. How should we pray? (2:8): It is not a demand for any certain posture in prayer.
 - E. Where should we pray?
- II. The Will of God (2:3-7)
 - A. What is the mission? (2:3-4):
 - B. Who is the mediator? (2:5):
 - C. Who is the messenger? (2:7):

Next Week – "Roles in the Church: Women" (I Tim 2:9-15)