

God's Mediator On Good Friday - 1 Timothy 2:1-7

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For there is one God
and one mediator
between God and mankind,
the man Christ Jesus.
1 Timothy 2:5



Introduction and Background

- one of the wonderful works of the Lord Jesus is His ability to _____ us from the bondage of sin
- but a price was paid for that ransom, the death of _____

- a ransom was paid for the release of King R _____ - get the saying a king's _____
- Jesus pays the _____ for _____
- this is the celebration of the work of Jesus Christ upon the Cross!

- today we are looking at the book of 1 Timothy
- written by _____
- Paul then became one of the great m _____ of the church

- the letter of 1 Timothy was written for a couple of reasons

- 1) To encourage _____ in sound practice in church life
 - 1 Timothy 2 – the role of men and women in the _____
 - 1 Timothy 3 – the qualification of _____ and deacons

- 2) To encourage Timothy to hold onto sound _____

1 Timothy 4:16 Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

3) To _____ Timothy to persevere in his ministry

1 Timothy 4:12-14 Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. ¹³ Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. ¹⁴ Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you.

1 Timothy 2:1-7 (ESV)

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

- in this section that we are looking at we see three important truths in the gospel

- 1) Our Call to _____ for Gospel Growth
- 2) The Gospel Message
- 3) We are to _____ the Gospel Message

1) (2:1-3) Prayer

(2:1) First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people,

- Paul has just finished talking about two wicked men who have rebelled against the _____ "Hymenaeus and Alexander, (1 Timothy 1:20)

- but in light of this rebellion against God, Paul now calls or exhorts Timothy to do 4 things for all people

- 1) supplications - this is an _____ request to God to meet a need
- 2) prayers – this is a petition to God
- this word is very similar to supplication
- 3) intercessions – this is a prayer to God for someone else - this is on _____ of someone else
- 4) thanksgivings – to be _____ to God or to have an attitude of gratitude

- but you get the point we are to pray for _____ people

(2:2) for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

- prayer is to be offered for people who are in _____ positions
- the reason for such a prayer is so that we can lead _____ and godly lives
- pray for those in positions of authority so that they can experience the _____ of the gospel
- what do we pray for?
- the context is clear, that they would come to _____ the Savior – Jesus Christ

(2:3) This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior,

- whether we like this command or not, Paul makes the importance of such a command to pray, is _____, and this is _____ to God

- praying, thanking, making supplications and interceding for _____ is good and this pleases the Lord!

2) (2:4-6) Powerful Message

(2:4) who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

1) God desires all people to be saved because the Lord does not delight in the death of the wicked
Ezekiel 33:11 Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

2) “all people” includes: _____, Gentiles, slave, free, kings and those in authority
 - this relates back to 1 Timothy _____ where Paul says to pray for all people
 - meaning that “all people” should be considered in prayer asking that they could be brought to the knowledge of the truth

- we do not know to whom God will give faith and who will respond with repentance -- so we must pray for, and preach to, _____ people!

- what does Paul mean by salvation?

1 Timothy 1:15 The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

1 Timothy 2:15 Yet she will be saved through childbearing-- if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

- the salvation that Paul is speaking about here is the new _____ that is found in the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ
- we need to know that our sin puts us at _____ with God because of the Holiness of God
- Paul says he is the worst of sinners, and guess what? We all are!
- we need reconciliation because our sin has broken that fellowship that we ought to have with the Lord
- but Jesus is gracious and Paul explains this wonderful work by means of the Cross of Christ in the book of _____

Romans 5:9-10 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

- being saved is the same as, or used alongside of, “coming to the knowledge of the _____”
- to know the _____ is to know the Lord Jesus!

(2:5) For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

- monotheism means that there is only _____ God

Isaiah 44:6 Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.

- as Christians we do not worship three gods, we believe in the trinity.

- the _____ is one God with three persons (Father, Son and Holy Spirit)!

- the role of God the Son is to mediate between us and the Father

- the book of Hebrews speaks about Jesus fulfilling the role of _____

Hebrews 12:24 and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

- the mediation work that Paul is referring to here is the work of bearing the wrath of God because of the sin

- we know that sin brings death and the wrath of God

- but Jesus bears the punishment of God because of His _____ upon the Cross

- and notice how Jesus is described here!

- Jesus is described as a man, "the _____ Jesus Christ"

- here Paul as he speaks about the mediation role of the Lord Jesus calls Jesus a _____

- Jesus became flesh and dwelt among us so he could be a sacrifice for our sin!

(2:6) who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

- Jesus gives his life as a _____

Matthew 20:28 even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

- this word ransom means to buy someone back from _____

- it was also used of buying back prisoners who were taken captive in war

- only Jesus can give us _____ from the bondage of sin

- only Jesus can pay the ransom _____ for the sins we have committed and that hold us in bondage

- only Jesus can take upon the sins of the world and pay the price and say "it is finished"

- and that is why Jesus came!

3) (2:7) Preach It!

(2:7) For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

- but nowhere in scripture do you see such an emphasis for the church

- the mission of the church is _____ to meet your selfish needs

- what did Paul do in spite of all the terrible things that he had to go through?

- Paul goes, preaches and _____ about the Lord Jesus Christ

- and what do we speak? What do we _____? What do we tell others about?
- the good news that Paul has just mentioned about Jesus here in 1 Timothy 2:4-6!

Application

1) Jesus And His Grace Are More Than Essential

- this is why Good Friday is Good Friday!
- because only God is _____ and His work through Jesus Christ is Great!
- today's passage shows the only _____ for humanity
- that hope is only found in _____ and what He has accomplished for sinful people!
- there is salvation in Christ
- there is pardoned sin in Christ
- there is _____ in Christ, but only in Christ alone
- today if you do not know the Lord Jesus, turn from your sin in repentance, change your mind about sin
- I know that you might think of sin as enjoyable, but it separates you from God and that is terrible!
- trust in what Jesus has done for you!
- Jesus s_____ us from the wrath to come for our sin
- Jesus mediates between us and the Father by taking our place, he takes our punishment that we deserve for our sin, so that we can have perfect fellowship with God
- Jesus pays the price so that we can be free from sin's bondage through the means of His work upon the Cross!
- trust in _____ and His work!

2) Pray That God Would Draw People To Jesus Christ

- pray for _____ people that God would work in their _____ and they would repent and put their _____ in the Lord Jesus
- pray that God would grant them faith and repentance
- pray that when you share the gospel with people that God would open their hearts to the message of the gospel
- pray that God give grace to people who do not deserve Grace!
- pray for all kinds of people!
- pray for : _____
- pray for our public officials

3) Be Willing To Speak The Message Of The Gospel!

- the mission of the church has been made very, very, very _____

- Jesus commands His church to do this!

Luke 24:46-47 and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

- on Good Friday as we remember the death of Jesus, let us worship Christ with all our hearts, let us adore Him

- but let us speak of His mercy, and grace to those who are in desperate need of His salvation and in desperate need of His goodness

- Will you see your life mission as proclaiming _____ and His Grace!



Sunday – April 4th

The Resurrection of Jesus – Colossians 3:1-4

Service 1 – 9:30 am - Communion

Service 2 – 11:00 am

Service 3 – 1:00 pm (video sermon)

Please sign up for the service you will attend.