

True Children In The Faith

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1Timothy 1:1-11

“The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.” (1Timothy 1:5, ESV)

Introduction

You have probably heard it before: “faith in Jesus Christ is a relationship, not a religion.” In the same way, faith in Jesus Christ is taught until it is caught (grasped, made personally applicable) in the context of meaningful relationship. We are to pray for people to be set free from sin and deception and that they might receive all that they need from God. And we are to relate to people in a meaningful way so that they may learn to love God, their neighbors and themselves through both our example and our teaching.

1. Paul was chosen by Christ to serve as an apostle. (vv. 1-2)

- a) Paul was commanded and sent by Christ Jesus to model and teach the faith.
- b) Timothy learned to follow Christ through Paul’s example and teaching.

2. The Gospel is taught and caught by our example and teaching. (vv.3-7)

- a) Timothy, a true son in the faith, was left in Ephesus as a model and teacher.
- b) The Gospel aims at love from a pure heart and a good conscience and sincere faith.

3. The Law is good and helpful even to New Testament believers. (vv.8-11)

- a) The Law of Moses continues to have meaning in this day of grace.
- b) The Law of Moses serves to help us identify sin and righteousness.

Conclusion

While the Law of Moses still serves as a tool to distinguish between sin and righteousness, God would have us help others to follow Christ through our example and teaching.

For our prayerful study, discussion and application:

- 1) Read 1Timothy 1:1-2. How is faith in Christ to be taught and caught?
- 2) Read 1Timothy 1:3-7. What is the aim of the doctrine of Jesus Christ?
- 3) Read 1Timothy 1:8-11. Why does Paul say that the Law is good and useful?

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