



God's House Series: Part 5: Jesus Saves Sinners (I Timothy 1:12-17)
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Intro: "Dante's Inferno"

The lowest hell, reserved for the worst of the worst.

- Who would head your list as the worst of the worst?
- Where do our own sins fit in that least to worst list?

The Apostle Paul now brings in his own story of conversion to show that Jesus' atoning sacrifice has power to save even the worst of the worst.

Text: 1st Timothy 1:12- 17

I. Paul the Persecutor—

- Blasphemer—
- Persecutor—
- Insolent—

- Galatians 1:13

- Acts 26:9- 18

Paul wants us to have an accurate sense of what kind of person he was, so that we'll see how gracious God really is, how powerfully the gospel affects change, and therefore how incumbent on us it is to continue to share the message that makes apostles and martyrs out of monsters.

II. First of the Worst—

V. 16 But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

◇ Corrie ten Boom Testimony

◇ Mez McConnell Testimony

III. Be Confident—

If I know that the depth of a person's sin cannot keep them from God's grace I have a confidence to talk to others about repentance and faith, just like Paul the Apostle....

Paul's testimony was God's declaration that no one was beyond His grace and mercy.

IV. Worship

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

If we find we have a lukewarm affection for Christ, we haven't realized, or we've forgotten, the depth of our own depravity and guiltiness and the greater depth of the grace of God in Christ.

God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son that WHOEVER believes in Him won't perish, but will have eternal life. John 3:16