



God's House Series: Part 6: God Our Savior, I Timothy 2:1-8
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Text: 1st Timothy 2:1 – 8

I. First of All—

If you wrote a letter to L&L what would you say needs to be done first?

First, PRAY— vs. 1-2

- Ephesians 6:18
- 1st Timothy 2:8

First, PRAY— For ALL

The ESV Study Bible notes: “This is a call for all sorts of prayer for all sorts of people.”

Use of “all” throughout this section: 7X a variation of the Greek pas/pantas

- 1 first of all
- V 1. Prayer for all people
- V 2. Prayer for all in high position
- V 2. Lead dignified lives in all/every way
- V 4. God desires all be saved
- V 6. Jesus gave Himself a ransom for all
- V 8. Men in all/every place should lift holy hands/pray
- 1st Thessalonians 4:11-12
 - Prayer for a quiet, godly, dignified life is for the purpose of displaying the reality of the Gospel and its' transforming power in our lives.

Central to Paul's command to pray first are Vs. 4 & 6—

- V 4 God desires ALL people to be saved
- V 6 Jesus was the ransom for ALL sinners

Central to prayer in the Church should be

- God's desire to save sinners.
- God's family, the Church, having a vision for God's desire to save ALL.

II. God's Desire—

- V 4 who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
- Ezekiel 18:23
- Ezekiel 18:31-32
- 2nd Peter 3:9

The offer of salvation to all is based on a real provision for all:

- V. 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all,
- 1 Timothy 4:10
- 1 John 2:2

Sidebar— God wants all to be saved, but all won't be saved; what's up?

1. God's will is expressed in different ways:
 - a. what He PREFERS and what He ORDAINS;
 - b. what He DESIRES and what He DECREES.

Not all that God desires will occur,
but all that God ORDAINS or DECREES will occur.

2. God's glory displayed in salvation & judgment...
 - a. Romans 9:22-24
 - b. Ephesians 2:1-7

III. The Gospel that Saves—

V 5 ...one Godone mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus

Paul was serving in a culture heavily influenced by Greek and Roman culture and religion.

- Acts 19:23-41
- 1st Corinthians 8:4-6
- John 14:6 I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

IV. So Great a Salvation

- Hebrews 2:3 how will we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?

We need to have a vision big enough to share this great salvation, the gospel w/ all:

1. Because of the magnitude of the Person and Work of Christ.
2. Because of the terrible depth of every person's needs, temporal and eternal.

V. Our Father's View—

- Genesis 12:1-3
- Revelation 5: 8 - 10
- Revelation 7:9 -10
- Matthew 28:18-19
- John 3:16 God so loved the WORLD that He gave His one and only Son
- Revelation 22:16-17 ... And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

The Church of Jesus Christ, the household of faith, is entrusted w/ the message that the One and Only God, has appointed One and Only One Substitute to act as the One and Only mediator between God the Father and any, or all, of us.