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1 Timothy 1:12-20

Whatever you do, hold on to the gospel. It is the only thing that unites the church and it is the only thing that will sustain God's people in difficult days. Indeed, this is a gospel worth guarding and defending, and this is a gospel worth celebrating forever.¹

- I. God (v 17)
 - A. King
 - B. Eternal
 - C. Immortal
 - D. Invisible
 - E. One and only
 - F. Praise worthy
- II. The gospel
 - A. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners (v 15)
 - 1. God's grace and mercy
 - a. Unconditional
 - b. Purposeful
 - 1. Leads to salvation
 - 2. Witness to others
 - c. Abundant (v 14)
 - d. Arouses praise
 - 2. Jesus - preexistent God

¹Christ-Centered Exposition, Exalting in Jesus, 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus, D. Platt, D. Akin, T. Merida

3. "Came" into the world

b. A good conscience

4. To save sinners

Have done all you can.

a. All of us

Romans 3:23

3. Guard it (vv19b-20; Galatians 6.1; 1 Corinthians 5:1, 5; Matthew 18:15-17)

b. Paul - B.C. (v 13; 2 Corinthians 7:9-10)

a. False teachers

1. Blasphemer

b. Act promptly and forcefully

2. Persecutor

The leaven of sin

3. Violent aggressor

c. Spiritual forces

c. Paul - A.C. (v 12)

Ephesians 6:12

1. Strengthened

d. Jesus gives us strength (v 12)

2. Considered faithful

Philippians 4:13

3. Put into service

Personal Application:

4. Entrusted with the gospel

1. Fight the good fight

1 Timothy 1:11; 1 Thessalonians 2:4

2. Keep the faith

5. It's true (v 15)

3. Keep a good conscience

B. Entrusted to us (vv 18, 11, 3)

4. Praise God

1. Calling

Where have you been called?

2. Fight the good fight

Take some time this week to specifically thank God for what He has done for you. For how He has loved you, met your needs, given you grace and mercy, rescued you from your own foolishness. Praise Him for giving you far more than you deserve. Share with someone else how good God has been to you.

a. With faith