

INTRODUCTION

We come today to the conclusion of the book of 1 Timothy, so this is the conclusion of our series of sermons together on this letter.

I praise God for giving us this study together, which started 3 1/2 years ago. This is sermon #146. Our Lord Jesus has sustained us in this, and has blessed us richly through this, for which I am very grateful.

These last lines of the letter are an emphatic summary and restatement of what our Lord's apostle has been writing about since the first chapter. There, he wrote of "the glorious gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust," and told Timothy to charge or command that no one teach the church anything different from that.

Now, in conclusion, our Lord's apostle sounds that note again, but instead of speaking of the gospel as being committed to his trust, he speaks of it as being committed to Timothy, and, by extension, to others of the faithful all the way to today.

TEXT

1 Timothy 6:20-21 O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge— (21) by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith. Grace be with you. Amen.

BODY

- I. We Guard the Treasure That Has Been Committed to Our Trust
 - A. There is something that is very valuable
 1. the Word of God as given to us as the Bible
 2. the right understanding of what it says
 3. most specifically the Gospel, the good news
 - a) 1 Tim 1:15 ...Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners...
 - b) 1 Tim 2:5-6 ...there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for all...
 - c) 1 Tim 3:16 ...God was manifested in the flesh...
 - d) 1 Tim 4:10 ...we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.
 - B. This very valuable thing has been committed to our trust
 1. to the apostles originally, whom the Lord Jesus personally chose and instructed
 2. to those whom the apostles personally chose and entrusted, like Titus and Timothy
 3. to those faithful men in every generation who read it in the Bible and hear it explained by men who already understand
 4. to the congregations perpetually until the Lord Jesus comes back
 - C. The apostle charges us to guard it
 1. the devil works to corrupt it or take it away entirely
 - a) “did God really say?”
 2. wicked men knowingly say something different to draw off men after themselves
 3. well-meaning but careless men handle it loosely
 4. faithful men are to guard it, to keep it
 - D. Our Lord Jesus calls us by name to guard it
 1. “O Timothy!”
 2. let every man entrusted with this treasure hear, in this, his own named called

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- II. We Avoid the Talk That Leads to Error
 - A. Always there will be profane and vain or idle babbling
 1. talk that isn't really holy, but just common or profane
 2. talk that has nothing of substance, and so is not better than so much babbling
 - B. Always there will be contradiction or opposition from pseudo-science, from so-called knowledge
 1. often this comes from corrupt educational institutions
 - C. These things are a grave threat to people's souls
 1. some get interested in such things
 2. some who get interested in them end up professing them and erring concerning the faith, straying from the faith, becoming apostate
 - D. The faithful are to avoid these kinds of talk
 1. we are to take no interest in them
 2. we are to avoid them, to turn away from them

We guard the treasure that has been committed to our trust
We avoid the talk that leads to error

III. We Trust That the Grace of God Will Be With Us

- A. That is what the apostle often prayed for the congregations
- B. We pray that today
- C. We trust that our Lord Jesus Christ always is attentive to us, walking among the candlesticks
- D. We trust that His Holy Spirit, the Comforter, always is at work unseen among us, inside us

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IV. APPLICATION

- A. We hold to our old confession
- B. We satisfy ourselves with a biblical form of worship
- C. We take care in admitting new members
- D. We take care in selecting new pastors
- E. We cooperate with other faithful churches
- F. We support ministerial education, watching carefully that it remain faithful
- G. We teach God's law and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to every new generation, but always in the same old form, in the same words
- H. We do not feel a false burden to produce certain results

CONCLUSION

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We avoid the talk that leads to error
We trust that the grace of God will be with us

O, Timothy, guard what was committed to your trust!

O, brother Frank, beginning your work as pastor in Santa Teresa, guard what is being committed to your trust!

O, brother Jeff, continuing your work as a pastor in this congregation, guard what has been committed to your trust!

O, beloved congregation, house of God, congregation of the living God, pillar and ground of the truth, guard what has been committed to your trust until your Lord Jesus appears.

Roel - Call to Worship and Opening Prayer - Deuteronomy 5:32-33

Dillon - Scripture Reading - Exodus 25:1-40

Stephen - CongregationL Prayer

Rita - Prelude

Rita - Trinity 27 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" - Andrew lead

Haven - Trinity 579 "Be Still, My Soul" - Andrew lead

Audrey - Trinity 178 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" - Jeff lead

Journey - Trinity 689 "One Day" - Alex lead

9:30 Bible Study - Reporting on Frank Gonzales ordination council

The candidate in general exhibited obvious humility and very good and correct understanding of our biblical Christian faith.

Your pastor asked two questions

-What do you believe about Jesus as being God or man or God and man?

-What do you believe about what constitutes Christian baptism?

The candidate answered both correctly, including follow-up questions asking for more details.

The candidate expressed some reservations about our position on the Regulative Principle, but after further discussion, it became very clear that he understands it sufficiently and believes it wholeheartedly.

Deu 12:29-32

1689.22.1

...But the acceptable way of worshipping the true God, is instituted by himself, and so limited by his own revealed will, that he may not be worshipped according to the imagination and devices of men, nor the suggestions of Satan, under any visible representations, or any other way not prescribed in the Holy Scriptures.

The more scholarly pastors identified something of concern in Frank's doctrine of God as Trinity.

Deuteronomy 4:15-16 "Take careful heed to yourselves, for you saw no form when the LORD spoke to you at Horeb out of the midst of the fire, (16) lest you act corruptly and make for yourselves a carved image in the form of any figure: the likeness of male or female,

1689.2.1

The Lord our God is but one only living and true God; whose subsistence is in and of himself, infinite in being and perfection; whose essence cannot be comprehended by any but himself; a most pure spirit, invisible, without body, parts, or passions...

1689.2.3

In this divine and infinite Being there are three subsistences, the Father, the Word or Son, and Holy Spirit, of one substance, power, and eternity, each having the whole divine essence, yet the essence undivided: the Father is of none, neither begotten nor proceeding; the Son is eternally begotten of the Father; the Holy Spirit proceeding from the Father and the Son; all infinite, without beginning, therefore but one God...

EFS "eternal functional submission" or ESS "eternal submission of the Son"

Dr. Bruce Ware at Southern Seminary

After additional study, the candidate recanted Dr. Ware's doctrine of EFS in favor of our confessional, historical formulation of the divine nature as being "pure spirit."

Joint Worship Service
November 13, 2022 - New Hope Baptist Church of Paris

Prelude - Rita

Call to Worship - Kevin

Hymn - Trinity 27 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" - Rita, Andrew

Hymn - Trinity 579 "Be Still, My Soul" - Haven, Andrew

Scripture Reading - Jeff

Hymn - Trinity 178 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" - Audrey, Alex

Sermon - John

Hymn - Trinity 689 "One Day" - Journey, Alex

Benediction - Kevin

Guard GEN, KJV Keep G5442 *phulasso*

what was committed to your trust G3872 *parakatatheke*

Carroll:

...which God placed with the church, and in the preacher through the church...
God revealed it to Paul, and he delivered it to Timothy. It is delivered with a view of transmission to those who come after. Keep it inviolate, and transmit it in its entirety. . . Our business is to put forth the words of the Almighty.

avoiding G1624 *ektrepo*

profane and idle [KJV, GEN vain] babblings

profane = G952 *bebelos*

1 Timothy 4:7 But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness.
ide/vain babblings = G2757 *kenophonia*

**and contradictions [GEN, KJV oppositions] of what is falsely called knowledge
[GEN, KJV of science falsely so called]**

English word “pseudonym”

**by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith
[GEN, KJV have erred concerning the faith]**

strayed/erred = G795 *astocheo* miss + aim; to miss the mark

Proverbs 4:25-27 Let your eyes look straight ahead, And your eyelids look right before you. (26)
Ponder the path of your feet, And let all your ways be established. (27) Do not turn to the right or the
left; Remove your foot from evil.

What does it seem is the grave concern of the apostle, the thing that the congregation and her pastor must do?

- put on dazzling shows and throw fun parties to draw a big crowd?
- make sure everyone is happy and not offended?
- get lots of money coming in?
- become a power player in politics?
- make a big celebration out of lots of holidays?

It was a blessing to participate in the recent ordination council

- candidate's orthodoxy and knowledge
- council's attention to theological positions

One of the main reasons why this is so important is that this is the good news by which sinners are saved! Think of all the things that groups have gotten into these days, whether good things or wicked things, that simply are not the gospel.