

**1 Timothy 1:15 — "Christ Came And Actually Saved the Elect — All Of Them"**

The one who receives Christ will never receive God's condemnation.

- **Jesus came into the world —**

- ❖ to fulfill prophecy (*Isa 9.6; Isa 7.14*)
- ❖ to destroy Satan's power (*Gen 3.15; 1 John*)
- ❖ to live our life (*Hebrews 2.17-8*)
- ❖ to die our death (*Ezek 18.4; Rom 6.23; Col 3.1-4*)
- ❖ to become our propitiation (*Rom 3.24-25*)
- ❖ to remain the glorified God-Man forever (*John 17.24*)

**THESIS — We'll understand Christ's incarnation in 2 awesome wonders (derived/exegeted out of the text).**

## **I. INTENTION! — He came to save sinners! (15a)**

1. Luke 19:10 - The Son of Man **came** to **seek** and to **save** what was lost.
2. Mark 2.17 - I have not **come** to call the righteous, but **sinners**.
3. John 18.37 - for this I **came** into the world, to testify to the Truth.

### **WHAT IS THE INTENTION??**

*How's the Trinity involved in unity, in purpose, in achievement, in accomplishing it?*

#### **(1) The Father SENT**

#### **(2) The Son SAVED**

1. Effectual Salvation —
2. Complete Salvation —
3. Propitiated salvation —
4. Expiated Salvation —
5. Particular Salvation —

#### **(3) The Spirit APPLIES**

**1 Timothy 1:15 — "Christ Came And Actually Saved the Elect — All Of Them"***This Mission of Christ —*

1. Should give you **ZEAL** in living **FOR** Christ
2. Should give you **COMFORT** in the **UNCERTAINTIES** of life.
3. Should give you **REASSURANCE** in the approaching of **DEATH**.
4. Should give you **PRAISE** when everything around you **FAILS**.
5. Should give you **GRATITUDE** in the full salvation achieved for you.

**II. INVITATION — among whom I am *foremost* of all (15b)**

It is by far the most amazing miracle in the whole Bible – far more amazing than the resurrection and more amazing than the creation of the universe. The fact that the infinite, omnipotent, eternal Son of God could become man and join Himself to a human nature forever, so that infinite God became one person with finite man, will remain for eternity the most profound miracle and the most profound mystery in all the universe. (Wayne Grudem)

What self denial! What self abasement! What self emptying! He, whom no infinitudes can hold, is contained within infant's age, and infant's form. Can it be, that the great "I AM THAT I AM" shrinks into our flesh? (Henry Law)

**WHAT APPLICATION DOES THIS HAVE FOR YOU?**

1. Do you want a heart of **gratitude**? Pause frequently to remember your own experience of the gospel
2. Do you want to **love your wife** more knowledgeably and sacrificially? Then remember Christ's love for you in the gospel.
3. Do you want to **work hard, shred laziness**, and live more for Christ? Then remember how he had you on his heart when he obeyed the Father and journeyed into the fires of divine wrath for you.
4. Do you want to **fight pride, sadness, discouragement**? Ponder the saving and secure grip Jesus has on you as he purchased and owns you as His own.
5. Do you want **more zeal to evangelize and proclaim Christ**? Ponder how God has decreed whom He will save, Christ died for them, and the Spirit will awaken them and he uses the word of the gospel that **YOU AND I SPEAK** to accomplish his unfrustrated purposes!

I came upon this sentence of St. Paul (O most sweet and comfortable sentence to my soul!) in 1 Timothy 1. "It is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be embraced, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am the chief and foremost." This one sentence, through God's instruction and inward working ... did so exhilarate my heart, being before wounded with the guilt of my sins, and being almost in despair, that when I read it, even immediately I seemed to feel a marvellous comfort and quietness, insomuch that "my bruised bones leaped for joy". (Thomas Bilney)