

What Is Good In God's Eyes

1 Timothy 2:1-8

- 1) The one God is the Savior *of all* who place their faith in Christ (2:3-6)
 - a) His salvation offer extends *to all* (4)
 - b) Only one mediator between God & man *for all*: Christ (5-6)
 - i) Gave His life as a ransom *for all*
 - ii) Testimony of Him has commenced *for all*
- 2) All Christians are to lift up holy hands to God *for all* (2:1-2, 8; cf. Isa 1:5; Job 16:17; 22:30; Pss 26:6; 134:2; Prov 15:8; Jer 7:9-10; Acts 10:2; Heb 10:22; Jas 4:8)
 - a) For believers *and* unbelievers (1)
 - b) For civil authorities that we might live in peace (2)
- 3) God is pleased w/ our prayers; He accepts them (3)
 - a) We draw near to our Savior in prayer
 - b) Prayer for all constitutes worship unto God
 - c) Prayer for all creates a peaceful society
 - d) Prayer is the avenue through which God saves the lost
- 4) Does God desire all to be saved? (2:4, 7)
 - a) Since God only chose *some* for salvation (cf. Rom. 8:28-30; 9:9-33; Eph. 1:3-12; 1 Thess. 1:4; 2 Thess. 2:13; cf. Matt. 11:25-27; John 6:37-44; Acts 13:48; 1 Pet. 1:1-2; Rev. 13:8; 17:8), Paul means *all kinds of people*, to include Gentiles, not every person on the planet (universalism)
 - b) This is why Paul clarifies that he was sent to Gentiles (7)