

## "The Ignorance Of Unbelief"

1 Timothy 1: 12 - 17

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### The Gospel Charge Is The Purity Of Heart That Is The Fruit Of Correct Doctrine, Faith & Love, (vs. 3 - 4)

**Message Emphasis:** Many of us in one way or another still believe that we had something to do with our salvation. That is, God has moved upon us because we displayed some sort of quality that was attractive to God; even if He recognized these qualities before time and space. We must understand that though salvation is an interactive affair, it is none-the-less initiated by God for His good pleasure alone and that there is absolutely nothing meritorious in any of us that would move God to save us.

*"Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God." Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the Twelve? And yet one of you is a devil.""* (John 6:68-70, ESV)

### The Gospel Charge Admits That This Work Of Grace Is NOT Based On Our Own Merit, (vs. 12 - 17)

- Genuine thankfulness is the natural result of grace, (12 - 13a) *What does your thankfulness say about grace?*  
**I thank him who has given me strength** (Aor.Act.Part), **Christ Jesus our Lord,**
  - *Grace has determined my end - because he judged* (Aor.Mid.Ind) **me faithful,**  
*"But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me."* (1 Corinthians 15:10, ESV)
  - *Grace has changed my nature - appointing* (Aor.Mid.Part) **me to his service,**  
*"Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God,"* (2 Corinthians 3:5, ESV)
  - *Grace has not counted my sin against me - though formerly I was* (Prs.Act.Part) **a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent.**  
*"Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God's grace, which was given me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,"* (Ephesians 3:7-8, ESV)
- Genuine acknowledgement is also the fruit of grace, (vs. 13b - 14)  
**But I received mercy** (Aor.Pas.Ind)
  - *Grace shows us who we really are- because I had acted* (Aor.Act.Ind) **ignorantly** (Prs.Act.Part) **in unbelief,**  
*"Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.""* (John 9:39, ESV)
  - *Grace shows us what we desperately need - and the grace of our Lord overflowed* (Aor.Act.Ind) **for me**  
*"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich."* (2 Corinthians 8:9, ESV)
  - *Grace shows us what is really necessary - with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.*  
*"Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven - for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.""* (Luke 7:47, ESV)
- Genuine profession is the fruit of grace  
**The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance,**
  - *Grace opens my understanding of who Jesus is - that Christ Jesus came* (Aor.Act.Ind) **into the world to save** (Aor.Act.Inf) **sinners,**
  - *Grace opens my understanding of my inability - of whom I am the foremost.*
- Genuine testimony is the fruit of grace  
**But I received mercy** (Aor.Pas.Ind) **for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display** (Aor.Mid.Subj) **his perfect patience as an example to those who were** (Prs.Act.Part) **to believe** (Pres.Act.Inf) **in him for eternal life.**
- Genuine worship is the fruit of grace  
**To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.**

\*\*\*What Must I Do To Fulfill The Charge?\*\*\*

**Message Directive:** Look to Christ for the salvation of your soul; ONLY in Christ will you find grace sufficient to save your soul.

5. The Gospel Charge Warns That Abandoning Pure Faith & Doctrine Leads To Destruction, (vs. 18 - 20)
6. The Gospel Charge Reveals The Purposes Of God In Human Affairs, (vs. 2:1 - 7)
7. The Gospel Charge Highlights God's Institution of Authority In Daily Living, (vs. 8 - 15)
8. The Gospel Charge Specifically Qualifies Those Who Are Called To Instruct In Doctrine, (vs. 3: 1 - 7)
9. The Gospel Charge Specifically Qualifies Those Who Are Called To Lead In Service, (vs. 8 - 13)
10. The Gospel Charge Summarizes How We Live In The Mystery Of The Gospel, (vs. 14 - 16)
11. The Gospel Charge Clarifies That All Things Created By God Are Good, (vs. 4: 1 - 5)