**Teach No Other Doctrine**

*1 Timothy 1*

**Introduction**

1. **Acts 19** – Paul preaches in Ephesus.
   1. **(vv. 4-5)** – HS? (*Prophesied to come in Joel, fulfilled on Pentecost, ch. 2; didn’t know HS was available for them, that gospel had come*) – **Preached Jesus** – they were baptized.
   2. **(vv. 8, 10)** – preached 3 months; continued 2 yrs, all Asia heard gospel message.
   3. **(v. 20)** – Failed exorcism became known, and in fear, they repented (bonfire of repentance) and obeyed **– word of Lord grew – spread**.
   4. **(cf. vv. 23-41)** – Demetrius, a silversmith felt his trade threatened – caused a riot – “city clerk” quieted the crowd.
   5. **(20:1-2)** – departed for Macedonia. (Likely where Paul “urged” Timothy; **cf. 1 Timothy 1:3** – stay in Ephesus, charge some to teach no other doctrine)
2. **Acts 20** – Paul in Miletus, exhorts the Ephesian Elders.
   1. **(vv. 20-21)** – kept back nothing needed – preached the gospel of repentance and faith in Jesus.
   2. **(v. 25)** – preached ***“kingdom of God”*** to them – they won’t see each other any longer.
   3. **(vv. 26-31)** – I taught you the whole counsel of God – you have what you need to please God, and receive salvation **– but defend it!** – Don’t consent to false teachers WHO ARE COMING.
3. **1 Timothy** – likely written some time in between Paul’s departure to Macedonia (**cf. Acts 20:1-2)**, and his exhorting the Ephesian elders (**vv. 17-38**).
4. Thus, the urgency in **1 Timothy 1** – the charge to ***“wage the good warfare.”*** (*Paul preached Jesus, the gospel, the kingdom of God – this MUST CONTINUE! It is the only way*.)
5. Teach No Other Doctrine (**1 Timothy 1**)
6. The Purpose of the Commandment **(vv. 3-11)**
   1. **(v. 4)** – ***“disputes”*** – raise questions – rather than answer questions concerning ***“the administration of God (plan of salvation) which is by faith” (NASB).***
      1. **Not a hobby, not for storytelling, nor for impressing others with useless facts.**
      2. **For salvation – convicting of sin – following God (Only such can benefit)🡪**
   2. **(v. 5)** – any commandment of God.
      1. To produce love **(cf. John 14:15** – keep commandments)
      2. Some have strayed from this 🡪
   3. **(v. 7)** – Not understand – miss the whole point of the message preached. 🡪
   4. **(vv. 8-10)** – used lawfully, i.e. not to produce idle talk, but convict of sin, and lead to Christ.
   5. **(v. 11)** – That’s the gospel entrusted to Paul. (WHAT HE PREACHED IN EPHESUS THAT SAVED MEN.)
7. The Pattern in Paul **(vv. 12-17)**
   1. **(v. 14)** – grace of God – teaches **(cf. Titus 2:11**) – was blasphemer, persecutor, insolent in ignorance – **Jesus appeared, gave truth, produced *“purpose of the commandment.”***
   2. **(v. 16)** – Paul is a pattern of salvation – all sin – Law for sinners (convicts of sin, turns to redemption in Christ through gospel) – ***“believe on Him for everlasting life”*** – HOW? – ***“teach NO OTHER DOCTRINE”***
8. The Charge Repeated **(vv. 3, 18-20)**
   1. **(v. 18)** – Charge of **v. 3**.
      1. ***“according to the prophecies which led the way to thee, that by them thou mayest war the good warfare;” (ASV)***
      2. **Prophecy** – inspired teaching – God’s word. 🡪 taught already, i.e. ***“previously,”*** before you, or “***led the way [up] to [your time]”***
      3. ***“according to”*** them you ***“wage the good warfare”*** – defend the truth – ***“teach no other doctrine”*** – than that which Paul taught (**vv. 10-11).** *(Included Paul’s words in urging him (v. 3) and the letter written*).
   2. **(v. 19)** – some have rejected the ***“purpose of the commandment.”***
   3. **(v. 20)** – in doing so they ***“blaspheme.”*** (***It is blasphemy to teach any other doctrine – those contrary to the gospel. It is blasphemy as well to abuse the gospel in such a way as (v. 4).)***
9. **Conclusion** – Only the truth can produce love **(v. 5).** No other doctrine can save than that by which Paul was saved **(v. 14).** To teach that which is contrary to truth is to blaspheme **(v. 19-20).**