1 Timothy 1:1

With God's Authority, for God's People

| - | The Person of Authority |
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| - | The Position of Authority |
| - | The Provision of Authority |
| | o God our Saviour |
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o Christ our Hope

Application of 1 Tim 1:1

- 1. Why do you think Paul emphasized his authority in writing this personal letter to a friend and ministry partner?
- 2. What is the significance of Paul's apostolic authority in the life of the church today as we prepare to go through 1 Timothy?
- 3. Recognizing Paul's authority (and the other biblical writers) as those who have written God's Word, how does (or should) this shape your submission to, reverence for, reading of, and application of God's Word?
- 4. Meditate on verses that highlight the value and authority of Scripture e.g. Ps 19:7-14; 119; Is 55:11; John 17:17; 2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:20-21
- 5. Reflect on Paul's words, "God our Saviour" and respond in prayer and praise as you consider who God is and what He's done. You may also want to look up references in the OT that mention God as Saviour (mostly from physical needs) and the responses described, as a source of encouragement and increased trust in God (e.g. Ex 15:2; Ps 25:5; 27:1; 62:1-2; Is 12:1-2; Hab 3:18)
- 6. Reflect on Paul's description of "Christ Jesus, our hope" and study similar references about Christian hope e.g. Rom 8:24-25; 12:12; Col 1:5; 1 Thess 1:2-3; 2 Thess 2:16-17; Titus 1:1-2; 2:11-13; 1 Peter 1:3, 13; 3:15. Respond in thanks and prayer to the Lord.
- 7. What may have been going on in the experience of Paul and/or Timothy that called for an emphasis on Christ as "our hope"? What is happening in your life in which the idea of hope brings comfort, peace, and encouragement?

<u>Reading this week:</u> Read through the book of 1 Timothy multiple times to familiarize yourself with this letter and pray the Lord would grow you through this series.

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

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