1 Timothy 1:15-17

Salvation Demonstrates Divine Mercy

A Universal Statement of Divine Mercy (v. 15a-b)

A Personal Example of Divine Mercy (vv. 15c-16)

A Thankful Response to Divine Mercy (v. 17)

Application of 1 Tim 1:15-17

- 1. How can we learn from Paul's phrase "a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance" in a postmodern world of personal opinions and tolerance of every voice?
- 2. In what sense can Paul correctly identify himself as "foremost" of sinners? How can such a view of self be healthy and how could it become unhealthy?
- 3. For Paul, it seems he was more aware of his sin now then ever before. However, rather than this causing him depression, it only led him to continually be amazed at God's mercy and praise Him. How aware of your sin are you? How much do you recognize your constant need for God's mercy because of how you continue in sin?
- 4. Think about the following quote, "honesty about who I am is essential to my appreciation of what Christ has done for me" (Kitchen, p. 67). Use this to honestly evaluate your sinful thoughts, words, and deeds and then meditate on Christ's divine mercy.
- 5. In what way does your life point to Christ's patience? How would you feel if your biggest contribution in life was to serve as an example of God's patience with sinners?
- 6. Reflect on Paul's thankful response in v. 17 and how it describes the sovereignty of God. Use his response to lead you to praise and thanksgiving to our God. You may also choose to look up other similar doxologies of praise (e.g. 1 Tim 6:14-16; Rom 11:33-36; 16:25-27; 1 Cor 8:4-6; Gal 1:4-5; Jude 24-25).
- 7. How could such truth about God change your 'each day' and your perspective in life and of God?

Reading this week: Read chapter 1 of 1 Timothy this week

Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

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