

1 Timothy
The Challenge of Being the Church
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Introduction:

Author/Date: A The general consensus is that P a u l wrote this letter sometime around 63-64 A.D.

Recipient: It was written to T i m o t h y (“honoring God”) who was from Lystra, born of a Jewish mother and Gentile father and whom Paul enlisted to accompany him in his ministry (Acts 16:1-3)

Purpose/Theme: To i n s t r u c t and e n c o u r a g e both Timothy and the church in Ephesus concerning sound d o c t r i n e and c o n d u c t. (3:14-15)

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Accurate beliefs are important because they d e e p e n our life with God and others by:

- getting us i n v o l v e d in God’s p l a n (1 Timothy 1:1-4)
- enabling us to f o c u s on l o v i n g people (1:5)
- emphasizing the m e s s a g e of Jesus Christ (1:6-11)

Making it stick...

Why is it so important that we have a sound, doctrinal basis for our faith? What difference does it make in our lives and the lives of others? How would you define “doctrine”? _____

How can you recognize false teaching? What are several ways that you can identify error? Explain. _____

Discuss what Paul is saying in verse 5. How does what he asserts there tie verses 3-4 with verses 6-11? _____

How does the Law affect you as a New Covenant believer? Has this passage given you any new insight or understanding about that in your life? Explain. _____

