

2:7 Appointed a Preacher
Series: 1 Timothy
Reading **1 Timothy 2:5-7** July 23rd 2017

For the last couple of weeks we have been looking at this passage in 1 Timothy. This is Paul's charge to Timothy to help him set up a church that will stand the tests of time. Paul knew that there were those in the church and those trying to get into the church that would bring in false doctrine. He has been pointing Timothy to the first need of the church, the need to pray. We have a God who hates sin and calls out to men to repent. Pray for them. He then reminds Timothy that there is only one God and one way to come to Him. Finally he concludes by telling Timothy that this was also what He had been appointed and called to do. Today I want to look at this part of the text: Paul's call to preach the Gospel.

- Warning of the Importance of true messengers of God
 - **Jeremiah 14:14-16** “¹⁴ And the LORD said to me, The prophets prophesy lies in My name. I have not sent them, commanded them, nor spoken to them; they prophesy to you a false vision, divination, a worthless thing, and the deceit of their heart. ¹⁵ Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the prophets who prophesy in My name, whom I did not send, and who say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land--By sword and famine those prophets shall be consumed! ¹⁶ And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; they will have no one to bury them--them nor their wives, their sons nor their daughters-- for I will pour their wickedness on them.”
 - **Jeremiah 23:25-32** “²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in My name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed! ²⁶ How long will *this* be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies? Indeed *they are* prophets of the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷ who try to make My people forget My name by their dreams which everyone tells his neighbor, as their fathers forgot My name for Baal. ²⁸ The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream; And he who has My word, let him speak My word faithfully. What *is* the chaff to the wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹ *Is* not My word like a fire? says the LORD, And like a hammer *that* breaks the rock in pieces? ³⁰ Therefore behold, I *am* against the prophets, says the LORD, who steal My words every one from his neighbor. ³¹ Behold, I *am* against the prophets, says the LORD, who use their tongues and say, He says. ³² Behold, I *am* against those who prophesy false dreams, says the LORD, and tell them, and cause My people to err by their lies and by their recklessness. Yet I did not send them or command them; therefore they shall not profit this people at all, says the LORD.”
 - **Matthew 7:15-17** “¹⁵ Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.”
 - **Matthew 24:10-11** “¹⁰ And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. ¹¹ Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.”
 - **Mark 4:24** “Then He said to them, Take heed what you hear. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given.”
 - **Luke 8:18** “Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him *more* will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him.”
- Appointed
 - Definition – 1) to set, put, place 1a) to place or lay 1b) to put down, lay down 1b1) to bend down 1b2) to lay off or aside, to wear or carry no longer 1b3) to lay by, lay aside money 1c) to set on (serve) something to eat or drink 1d) to set forth, something to be explained by discourse 2) to make 2a) to make (or set) for one's self or for one's use 3) to set, fix establish 3a) to set forth 3b) to establish, ordain
 - Paul in front of King Agrippa
 - **Act 26:14-23** “¹⁴ And when we all had fallen to the ground, I heard a voice speaking to me and saying in the Hebrew language, Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? *It is* hard for you to kick

against the gods. ¹⁵ So I said, Who are You, Lord? And He said, I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ¹⁶ But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to make you a minister and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you. ¹⁷ I will deliver you from the *Jewish* people, as well as *from* the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, ¹⁸ to open their eyes, *in order* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me. ¹⁹ Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, ²⁰ but declared first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and *then* to the Gentiles, that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance. ²¹ For these reasons the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill *me*. ²² Therefore, having obtained help from God, to this day I stand, witnessing both to small and great, saying no other things than those which the prophets and Moses said would come-- ²³ that the Christ would suffer, that He would be the first to rise from the dead, and would proclaim light to the *Jewish* people and to the Gentiles.”

- Parts of Conversion: God works with each one differently, but there are many similar elements
 - Light and Knowledge –
 - **1 Co. 2:12-14** ^{“12} Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. ¹³ These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. ¹⁴ But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.”
 - **2 Co 4:6-7** ^{“6} For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷ But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.”
 - Conviction of Sin – True repentance. Hard for you to kick against the Goads! Stephan.
 - Brokenness – Who are you LORD!
 - I am Jesus! A knowledge of who Jesus Is.
 - God.
 - Savior
 - Prophet, Priest, and King
 - Commission – You are mine, you will serve me.
- Paul had a unique Commission.
 - A call to be an Apostle, a sent one by Christ....
 - Separated unto the Gospel. **Romans 1:1**
 - Only 14 mentioned in Scripture, chosen by God, sent and called by Jesus Christ.
 - Has God changed, has He lost His power? NO!
 - Signs. 1. chosen by God. 2. Called by Jesus Christ. 3. Eye Witnesses of the Resurrected Christ. 4.
 - A Preacher – A Herald. Hear ye, Hear ye, Those sayeth the King....
 - A true Herald has his message given him by one in authority.
 - His job is to declare it word for word. Not to add to or to take away.
 - For Deuteronomy to Revelation we have the same thing said about the Word of God.
 - **1 Timothy 4:13-16** ^{“13} Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. ¹⁴ Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. ¹⁵ Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all. ¹⁶ Take heed to yourself and to the

doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.”

- **2 Timothy 4:1-5** “¹ I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: ² Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. ³ For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, *because* they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; ⁴ and they will turn *their* ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. ⁵ But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.”
- The Work of the Ministry is what?
 - To open their eyes, *in order* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.'

Have you had your eyes opened? Did you get to a place where God broke you, showed you your sin and then showed you the sacrifice of Christ on the cross that paid for it? Have you felt the freedom of forgiveness and the burden to share what you have received? I pray that each of us has a true Salvation experience.

2Co 13:14 ¹⁴ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit *be* with you all. Amen.