

1 Timothy 2.1-7

First of All – Worship!

What is MOST IMPORTANT thing CHURCH does TODAY? Here ZGC?

Social Justice – Preaching – Missions – Music – Small Groups – WORSHIP!

Paul to SPIRITUAL SON Timothy – appt'd BISHOP of Church in EPHESUS

...stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain men not to teach false doctrines any longer

1 Timothy 1.3

PERSONAL Letter to Timothy // PASTORAL Letter to CHURCH

As Timothy READS – Church LOOKS Over his SHOULDER & READS too!

## 1. Primacy of Worship

v. 1 *First of all*, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made

1<sup>st</sup> Command – LOVE God with Heart, Soul, Mind, Strength

PRIMACY 'First Importance' of WORSHIP of God – Worship is ETERNAL  
Puts US in Position of SUBMISSION – God-Focused – It is about HIM

v. 3 This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior

What NOT Mentioned – Style – Speakers – Songs – Setting of Ephesus Church

Today – BAIT People to Come – Preacher, Program, Praise Songs

GREATEST Attraction SHOULD Be AUDIENCE with the LIVING GOD!

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered

Psalm 105.1-5

WE WANT TO SEE NATIONS ENTER WHITE-HOT ENJOYMENT OF GOD

## WORSHIP IS THE GOAL OF MISSIONS

### WE WANT TO SEE GOD GLORIFIED & THE NATIONS MADE GLAD

"Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't. Worship is ultimate, not missions, because God is ultimate, not man. When this age is over, and the countless millions of redeemed fall on their faces before the throne of God, missions will be no more. It is a temporary necessity. But worship abides forever." John Piper

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you. May the nations be glad and sing for joy Psalm 67:3-4 •

### MISSIONS BEGINS AND ENDS IN WORSHIP

NOT Sure Why He WANTS it – Gracious, Loving Father – SEEKS Worship..

The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.

John 4.23

## 2. Prayer and the Word

Chapter 1 – FOUNDATION of Church – What we BELIEVE

FOUNDATION of Christian & Church > TRUE GOSPEL of JESUS CHRIST

Chapter 2 – FUNCTION of the Church – How we BEHAVE

Chapter 1 – DOCTRINE of Church / Chapter 2 – What Church DOES!

1 Timothy 1.3-20	Apostolic Doctrine
1 Timothy 2.1-15	Public Worship
1 Timothy 3.1-4.14	Leadership in the Local Church
1 Timothy 4.15-5.2,17-6.2	Unity & Diversity of Church Membership
1 Timothy 5.3-16	Social Responsibilities
1 Timothy 6.3-21	Material Possessions

DOCTRINE DIVIDES! – True! – JESUS Divides – BIBLE Divides!

GOOD Thing! There are SOME Things we NEED to be DIVIDED FROM

World is always HALF in DARKNESS and HALF in LIGHT

Ch 1: Hymenaeus & Alexander & Shipwrecked their Faith

Truth / Falsehood – Good / Evil – Light / Darkness – Heaven / Hell

Paul Not say HOLD Hands & Sing KUMBAHYAH w/ Hymenaeus & Alexander

Those who ARE the Side of Truth should be UNITED in PRAYER

Paul's claim to Timothy: One God – Seen in Jesus - Revealed thru Scripture...

Without BIBLE we'd be Like Athenians Paul met: Worship UNKNOWN GOD

Paul to Athenians: “What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you....”  
Acts 17.23

WORSHIP NOT Ours to INVENT or DESIGN – Danger of Man-Made Worship

If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why...do you submit to regulations— “Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch”... according to human precepts and teachings? These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion  
Colossians 2.20-23

Self-Made-Religion NEVER Please GOD > He must TELL US How to Worship

BIBLE is HANDBOOK – WHO and HOW to Worship God ACCEPTABLY

REGULATIVE Principle: Only do in Worship what God's Word Commands

Something might look like GOOD IDEA in Worship > Is it a GOD IDEA?

Prayer is asking God for what He has already promised. Martin Luther

SPECIFIC Activity Commanded Ch 2 – PRAYER! Is it 4 Different Kinds?

v. 1 supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made

Some BIBLE Teachers try UNPACK Each Word – See NEW Thing  
*supplications* Specific, *prayers* Before God, *intercessions* Bold, *thanksgivings* Grateful  
 ‘I admit that I do not completely understand the difference’ John Calvin

PRAYER NOT just what Watch People do in FRONT of Mtg – WE DO it!

IMPORTANCE of PRAYER in the Worship Service > Big, Small

EARLY CHURCH – Large & Small Gatherings / Formal & Informal Meetings

First Christians – TEMPLE Courts & HOUSE to House / as they Followed HIM

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you  
 I wait all the day long. Psalm 25.5

### 3. Peoples of the World

UNIVERSAL Range of Church’s RESPONSIBILITY, emph 4 Times

v. 1 ...prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made *for all people*

vs. 3,4 God our Savior, who desires *all people* to be saved

v. 6 Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for *all*

v. 7 a teacher of *the Gentiles* in faith and truth

Saul the PHARISEE: Monotheist and Mono-NATIONAL, MONO-Cultural

PAUL the Apostle to the GENTILES > Major PARADIGM Shift

ONE God > YAHWEH of OLD Covenant – Now made NEW Covenant in Christ

CREATED All Peoples & Cultures: Not for JUDGMENT, but His Own GLORY

ALL – Clearly NOT mean ALL Saved – Paul NOT Universalist / HELL is Real!

2000 yrs Abe to Jesus: “Salvation from Jews” Now Door Opened ALL Gentiles

ALL = REDEEMS All who Call on Him from Every Tribe, Nation, Language

Do we have this **BIG VISION** here in this **SMALL ROOM**?

We cannot **TOUCH** every Corner of Earth > But **OUR PRAYERS** Do!

vs. 1,2 prayers...be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions

Letter Written Early 60's 1<sup>st</sup> C / Nero's Persecutions of Church began 64 AD

That Time: **NO GOV'T** on **EARTH** Friendly to Church of Jesus Christ

**ROME** permitted Conquered Peoples to **WORSHIP** their **OWN GODS**

But Everyone in the **EMPIRE** Required to show **LOYALTY** to **ROME**

By **ALSO** Worshipping **GODDESS ROMA & SPIRIT** of **EMPEROR**

Jews – 10% of Roman Empire – **SPECIAL** Status > Zealous Monotheism

Allowed to **PRAY FOR** (NOT TO) & Offer Sacrifice **FOR** Benefit Emperor

**PRAYERS** for Emperor were part of **LITURGY** in the Jewish Synagogues

"Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the **LORD** for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper." Jeremiah 29:7

**IRONY** – Jesus & All Apostles – incl Peter & Paul – Murdered by Governments!

Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good...Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. 1 Peter 2.13-17

**ZGC** Continue in **LONG TRADITION** – **PRAYER** for the **NATIONS**

Blessing for: Gaza, Malaysia, Ukraine, Syria, Nigeria, Israel, Holland: **World**

Calling upon the **LORD** of **WHOLE EARTH** – **AND** Entire **UNIVERSE**

For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the **LORD** of hosts.

Malachi 1.11

#### 4. Peace for Witness

v. 2 that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way

BLESSING of the PAX ROMANA > MIGHTY ROME was IRON DOME

People traveled Safely LAND & SEA – LAW Enforced – MAIL Delivered

“We pray also for the emperors, for their ministers and those in power, that their reign may continue, that the state may be at peace, and that the end of the world may be postponed”  
Tertullian, “*Apology*,” 200 A.D.

People’s WORLD ENDS when NO PEACE: Lose Loved Ones, Land INVADED

RICH or POOR – WEAK or POWERFUL – YOUNG or OLD

PEACE Necessary for your LIFE to FLOURISH – FAMILY to SURVIVE

Heart goes OUT to People in PATH of WAR – Been there MYSELF!

PEACE: Cities Built, Books Written, Discoveries Made, Civilization Advances

PEACE Promotes ADVANCEMENT of the GOSPEL

vs. 3,4 This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved

Common Grace for Saving Grace: GOSPEL 4 ALL PEOPLES of Roman Empire

APOSTLES took MISSION JOURNEYS – Christians SPREAD Word

PAUL may have REACHED SPAIN: Blanketing Mediterranean World Blessing

v. 7 For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Proclaimed UNITY of God / UNIQUENESS of Christ / UNIVERSAL Gospel

APOSTLE – Received Gospel, Formulate Message for Church

HERALD – Proclaim Message – Prepare WAY for COMING KING

TEACHER – Systematic Instruction / Application of Message

Paul was all three, but nobody is all three today...apostles were eye-witnesses of the historic Jesus, especially of his resurrection, were promised the special inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and were given authority to teach in Christ's name.

John Stott

We have PRIVILEGE & RESPONSIBILITY to HERALD & TEACH TODAY!

IRONIC PEACE & PROSPERITY DRAINS Spiritual POWER from Believers

Hope in 2 Weeks be WORSHIPPING in ALMATY, KZ – Son, Granddaughter  
 11 yrs – Watched RISE & FALL of Church in NEW NATION – former USSR  
 PERISTROIKA: Soviet Union BROKE APART – New Nation KZ – Poor, Open  
 WELCOMED Gospel – Brought by M's Word & Deed – JOY in CHRIST  
 KZ – RICH with Oil, Uranium, Gold – Massive Land, Few People > BENEFITS  
 MONEY, MERCHANDISE, MALLS!! > Churches DECLINE, Many LEAVE  
 JESUS Parable – “Cares of this World CHOKE the WORD”

AMERICAN: Seen Before SAME LETHARGY in Church My OWN NATION

People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. 1 Timothy 6.9

POSSESSED by POSSESSIONS > GREATEST LOVE is our SMART PHONE!

HOLD IT – LOOK AT IT – 1<sup>st</sup> See Morning / Last @ Night – LOOSE, Life Over

Today's CHURCH – Learn from HEBREW Church entered PROMISED LAND

“For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing...And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.” Take care lest you forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God” Deuteronomy 8.7-14

## 5. Particular and Wide

vs. 3-5 God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus

MANY Types of Monotheism – Not ONLY Christians believe in ONE GOD

“Jews are being saved within and through the Jewish stream of religious life, Muslims within and through the Islamic stream...”

John Hick, *The Myth of Christian Uniqueness*

PAUL Not GENERIC SUPREME BEING – God and Father of our Lord Jesus

For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ

1 Corinthians 8.5,6

MONOTHEISTS with ONE MEDIATOR – the Man Christ Jesus

UNIQUE Claim – Not for Christianity or Christians, but FOR CHRIST

Jesus is RANSOM & REDEEMER Promised & Prophesied in Hebrew Scripture

I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near: a star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel; it shall crush the forehead of Moab and break down all the sons of Sheth.

Numbers 24.17

When they cry to the LORD because of oppressors, he will send them a savior and defender, and deliver them.

Isaiah 19.20

EXCLUSIVE Message – ONE God – INCLUSIVE Mission – ALL Invited

ONE God – Not Another ONE, or MANY – One God calls ALL PEOPLE

UNITY of God: One God, One Mediator > Lord of ALL PEOPLE

No Nation / People Group / No Tribe is EXCLUDED from Salvation



## a. Priest

v. 5 one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus

Nobody seems TRUSTWORTHY to Both ISRAEL & GAZA to Make PEACE  
Intermediary Must be Able to REPRESENT BOTH Sides Fairly and Fully

JOB's ANCIENT CRY: There is no arbiter between us, who might lay his hand  
on us both. Job 9.33

DUAL NATURE of Christ – Fully GOD and Fully MAN

UNIQUELY QUALIFIED To UNITE US to God – Eternal God, Entered World

Old Covenant PRIEST Chosen from AMONG People – Empathy & Sympathy

For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness...In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him Hebrews 5.1,2,7-9

Jesus is FULLY MAN – Identifies with ALL our HUMAN STRUGGLE

Felt IMPACT of our SINS but was FREE from BEING a SINNER

Chapter 1 - MAN Christ Jesus is GOD AND LORD of All

God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord 1 Timothy 1.2

him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord 1 Timothy 1.12

the grace of our Lord...faith and love that are in Christ Jesus 1 Timothy 1.14

## b. Payment

v. 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all which is the testimony given at the proper time

**BORN a REAL MAN – BORN to DIE! – BORN at the RIGHT TIME!**

Jesus' LIFE'S PURPOSE was to GIVE HIS LIFE as our RANSOM for Sin

700 yrs BEFORE BIRTH – PROPHESED by ISAIAH:

“...he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many”  
Isaiah 53.12

**RANSOM – Sacrifice to Liberate / DIED so that we might LIVE**

Jesus DEFINED His Mission & DID Full Work of His MISSION > RANSOM

Jesus: “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”  
Mark 10.45

Verses SHOW Debate in Church about SCOPE of ATONEMENT

**RANSOM – SUFFICIENT for Whole WORLD – EFFICIENT for the ELECT**

**DIED for ALL – DIED for MANY > Preach Confidently to ALL WORLD**

**NONE Will Ever be TURNED AWAY – ALL INVITED, ALL WELCOME**

Jesus: “All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.”  
John 6.37

**BOTH Father's ELECTION and the the Savior's INVITATION**

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep”  
John 10.11

**SUBSTITUTIONARY ATONEMENT – ALL Believers thru ALL WORLD**

If the basis for prayer is the sacrificial work of Jesus Christ on the cross, then prayer is the most important activity in the church. Not to pray is to slight the cross! To pray only for ourselves is to slight the worldwide outreach of the cross. To ignore lost souls is to ignore the cross.  
Warren Wiersbe

## 6. Paradox of the Work of God

Reminded of MYSTERY of God's WILL – Only HE Knows WHO are Sheep  
 We Preach Gospel to ALL – To ENDS of the EARTH until EARTH ENDS  
 Many Called / Few Chosen – WE CALL thru Gospel – He does CHOOSING

vs. 3,4 God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth

If GOD Wants ALL to be Saved – Why are ALL Not SAVED

Part of Issue – DEFINITION of ALL – Every Single Person / Every Nation

No nation of the earth and no rank of society is excluded from salvation, since God wills to offer the gospel to all without exception. John Calvin

PRAYER and WILL of GOD opens Lots of MYSTERIOUS Issues

HARD to Understand “Will of God” – God's Thoughts Higher Man's

WILL – Unseen Purpose, Beyond our Pay-Grade to KNOW Perfectly

WILL – Seen, Revealed in Holy Scripture > Not ARBITRARY, Covenant God

IDEAL Will – If World were Perfect, No Fall, No Sin, No Need for Judgment

MORAL WILL GOD WANTS – Expression of HIS PERFECTION

What God ALLOWS Happen in FALLEN World – Result of Sinful CHOICES

PARADOX – God who INVITES us TO PRAY, God who has a PLAN  
 Somehow in His SOVEREIGNTY Our PRAYERS fit into HIS PLAN

Jesus – FRIEND who Comes at Night for FOOD for his Unexpected VISITORS  
 “...Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything”? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone

who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Luke 11.5-13

POUNING on Door did Something – DOOR Opened, FRIENDS Fed

PERSISTENT PRAYER heard by LOVING FATHER who Cares for Children

You do not have, because you do not ask.

James 4.2

SOVERIGN God but NOT ISLAMIC Fatalism > Prayer is part of HIS PLAN

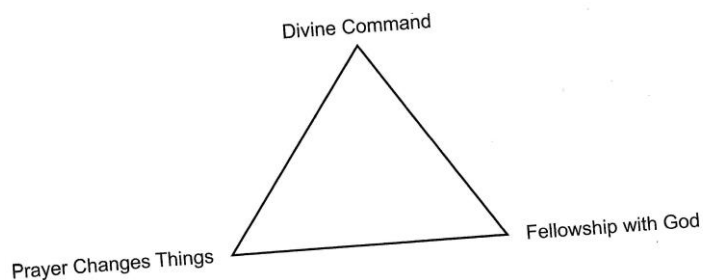


Fig. 48.3. Reasons to Pray

John Frame DIAGRAM – All 3 BIBLICAL Truths about PRAYER

FELLOWSHIP with God our Father, PRAYER is not Rushing to ATM Machine

Father in heaven is REAL PERSON / God > WANTS to be WITH His Children

Since prayer is a personal relationship with God it does not operate mechanically or automatically. We know that prayer sometimes disappoints, and that too, is part of the relationship. When we pray we ought to trust that God, like a loving father, is much wiser than we are, and that in the end he knows what is best. There is mystery here, as we can well understand. How many four year olds understand why their fathers do and do not choose to honor their requests?

John Frame

ELECTION – Biblical Doctrine to Humble Us, Inspire Us, Secure Us

NOT to CONFLICT with UNIVERSAL OFFER of Gospel

"For many are invited, but few are chosen."

Matthew 22:14

### WE Invite / GOD Chooses

So why is it that some people do not come to Christ? Is it that they will not or they cannot? Jesus taught both.

John Stott

Bible teaches BOTH Divine Sovereignty AND Human Responsibility

FULL Circle: BACK to Worship God who is SOVEREIGN, GLORIOUS, WISE

God we FULLY Understood NOT Worthy of WORSHIP or even our FAITH

ROMANS – Clear, Logical, Thorough Explanation of Salvation

Chapters 9-11 – Deep Questions of Election, Predestination, God's Sovereignty

Paul ENDS Complex Discussion > Bows KNEE, Lifts HEART in PRAISE...

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Romans 11.33-36

ETERNITY will be TOO SHORT of Time to GIVE God PRAISE

CONTINUOUS Seminar – Learning More & More INEXHAUSTABLE God

Never FIGURE Him OUT – Enough for FULL CONFIDENCE in HIM

ULTIMATE Mystery – WHY would GOD LOVE and SAVE – Sinners like US?

At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. **Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure.** "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:25-29

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It is the duty of the state to keep the peace, to protect its citizens from whatever would disturb it, to preserve law and order (using this expression without the oppressive overtones it has today, referring to a clampdown on dissidents), and to punish evil and promote good (as Paul teaches in Romans 13), so that within such a stable society the church may be free to worship God, obey his laws and spread the his gospel. Conversely, it is the duty of the church to pray for the state, so that its leaders may administer justice and pursue peace, and to add to its intercession thanksgiving, especially for the blessings of good government as a gift of God's common grace. Thus church and state have reciprocal duties, the church to pray for the state (and be its conscience), the state to protect the church (so that it might be free to perform its duties). Each should acknowledge that the other also has a divine origin and purpose. Each should help the other fulfill its God-given role. John Stott, "*Guard the Truth*," The Message of 1 Timothy and Titus