

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

First Timothy Bible Study — I Timothy 1:8-17 Lesson #2

**INSTRUCTIONS: Read the entire section of Scripture in First Timothy before starting to look up the other Scripture verses and filling in the blanks. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding as you read God’s word. Most Scriptures used are from the New King James Version.

8-11 But we know that **the LAW is GOOD if one uses it LAWFULLY**, knowing this: that **the LAW is NOT made for a RIGHTEOUS person, but for the LAWLESS and INSUBORDINATE**, for the ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine, according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust.

•**Romans 7:12-13 & 16** “Therefore the _____ is _____, and the commandment is _____ and just and _____. Has then what is good become death to me? Certainly not! But _____, that it might appear _____, was producing death in me through what is _____, so that sin through the commandment might become exceedingly sinful.”

•**Psalm 19:7-11** “The law of the Lord is _____, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is _____, making wise the simple; the statutes of the Lord are _____, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is _____, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is _____, enduring forever; the judgments of the Lord are _____ and _____ altogether. More to be desired are they than _____, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than _____ and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is Your servant _____, and in keeping them is great reward (a better life here on earth).”

•**Psalm 119:129-130** “Your testimonies are _____; therefore my soul _____ them. The entrance of Your _____ gives light; it gives _____ to the simple.”

•**Galatians 3:19-23** (Verse 19) “What _____ then does the _____ serve? It was added because of _____ (sins), till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator.” (Verse 21) “Is the _____ then against the promises of God? Certainly _____! For if there had been a _____ given which could have given _____, truly righteousness would have been by the law.” (Verse 23) “But before _____ came, we were kept under guard by the _____, kept for the _____ which would afterward be revealed (when Christ came).”

Definition: “Sin, that it might appear SIN, was PRODUCING DEATH” — DEATH is the OUTCOME, the RESULTS, the NATURAL CONSEQUENCES of SIN. “Producing death” is what SIN DOES — IT PRODUCES DEATH, DESTRUCTION and MISERY in our lives.

•**Romans 5:12** “Therefore, just as through one man _____ entered the world, and _____ through sin, and thus _____ spread to all men, because _____.”

•**Romans 6:23** “For the wages (results) of _____ is _____, but the _____ of God is _____ life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

•**Romans 5:21** “So that as _____ reigned in _____, even so grace might reign through righteousness to _____ through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

Definition: “The LAW is NOT made for a RIGHTEOUS person, but for the LAWLESS and INSUBORDINATE” – When you accept Jesus Christ as your savior, **you are MADE RIGHTEOUS by God, because of your faith in Christ (His righteousness is applied to YOU)**. You also now have the Holy Spirit living within you to guide and direct your life, and **you are no longer “under the law” and having to keep every one of the Jewish laws that were given to them by Moses**. However, God’s commandments are still in place **for the governing of our society**, in that we need laws that say, “Do not murder” and “Do not steal” and many other things, so that we will have order, safety and decency in our society. In most societies, such things as mentioned here: “the ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine”, are still against the law and considered crimes. Many societies today are changing their laws, and what was once considered a crime, is now brought into the open and people want us to agree with them that these things are okay now. **God’s law still stands, and these things are still considered evil and SINFUL in His eyes.**

• **II Corinthians 5:21** “For He made _____ who knew _____ sin to be _____ for us, that we might _____ the _____ of God _____.”

• **Romans 8:4** “That the righteous _____ of the _____ might be _____ in _____ who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the _____.”

Definition: “What PURPOSE then does the LAW serve?” – Paul answers his own question as he says, “It was added because of transgressions, **TILL the SEED should COME** to whom the promise was made.” “It was added because of transgressions” means that we need to see and understand God’s standards of holiness, **so that we will see our SIN** and our need for a Savior. **The “SEED who should COME” is Jesus**, and again we see how temporary the Law of Moses was. The Law was only to be for **a certain amount of time UNTIL the Messiah, the “Seed of Abraham” should come into the world**, and that was Jesus Christ. Jesus said He came to fulfill the law. **Once something is FULFILLED, it is done**, it is over. Jesus said from the cross, **“It is FINISHED!”** When a debt is fulfilled and paid, you don’t have to keep making payments. There are over 300 prophecies of the first coming of the Messiah in the Old Testament Scriptures, but once Jesus came and fulfilled those prophecies, their purpose was accomplished (fulfilled). The same goes for **the Law of Moses: it has been FULFILLED and ACCOMPLISHED in JESUS CHRIST, and we as believers are “in Christ” and our righteousness is IN HIM**. We do not have to rely on a set of rules and commandments to make us righteous, because **“the righteous REQUIREMENT of the LAW is FULFILLED in us”** through what Jesus did on the cross (see Romans 8:4).

• **Matthew 5:17-18** “Do _____ think that I came to destroy the _____ or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy, but to _____. For assuredly I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the Law _____ all is _____.”

12-13 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because **He counted me faithful, PUTTING me into the MINISTRY**, although **I was FORMERLY a BLASPHEMER, a PERSECUTOR, and an INSOLENT man**; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

• **Ephesians 3:7** “Of which I became a _____ according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power.”

• **Colossians 1:25** “Of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was _____ to me for _____, to fulfill the word of God.”

Definition: “He counted me faithful, **PUTTING me into the MINISTRY**” – Being in the MINISTRY, or being a MINISTER basically means **being a SERVANT of God**, and doing God’s work. For a person to be truly doing God’s work as His minister, that MINISTRY must be GIVEN to him by God. Each one of us has a different place and gifts in the Body of Christ, and that is GIVEN to us by God’s Holy spirit.

• **I Corinthians 12:13-14** “For by one _____ we were _____ baptized into one _____ – whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free – and have _____ been made to drink into one _____. For in fact the _____ is _____ one _____ but _____.”

• **Romans 15:15-16** “Nevertheless, brethren, I have written more boldly to you on some points, as reminding you, because of the grace _____ to _____ by _____, That I might be a _____ of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, _____ the _____ of God, that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified by the _____.”

• **John 3:27** “John answered and said, ‘A man can receive nothing unless it has been _____ to _____ from _____.’”

• **I Corinthians 12:27-30** “Now you are the _____ of _____, and members individually. And God has appointed these in the church: first _____, second _____, third _____, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. Are all _____? Are all _____? Are all workers of miracles? Do all have gifts of healings? Do all _____ with _____? Do all interpret?”

Definition: “I was **FORMERLY a BLASPHEMER, a PERSECUTOR, and an INSOLENT man**” – **God will FORGIVE any believer in Jesus Christ for ANY and ALL sins from our former life.** The following true story is an example of understanding God’s forgiveness and forgiving yourself: Brian, a former Jehovah’s Witness, got saved in March. He had been in that false cult for 30 years -- since he was 16. In fact, he had been a pastor and District Overseer at one time. He had become strangely disillusioned with his religion during the last year or so, and began searching for what his heart was hungering for -- a real relationship with God. One day, he decided to look up his aunt’s church on the internet, and there he read the Bible’s teaching on salvation, and read the testimonies -- and his heart was stirred. He wanted what they were talking about, even though he himself had taught -- and had been taught -- that "salvation" or a relationship with God was not possible. He contacted his aunt, whom he had not seen in many, many years, and came to her church. He prayed hard on Friday night and again on Sunday morning, but **found it most difficult to forgive himself** -- and to believe that God would forgive him for all the false doctrine he had spread and the people he had led astray. On Sunday night he was discouraged, but the preacher got up and spoke about Saul of Tarsus, and how God had called him and used him despite the damage he had done. Saul of Tarsus, who later became the Apostle Paul, said about himself, “I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, **putting me into the ministry; although I was FORMERLY a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and an insolent man**; but I obtained mercy, because I did it **IGNORANTLY** in unbelief” (I Timothy 1:12-13). That was all Brian needed. In a few short minutes he prayed to receive Christ, and **wept with relief** as he realized he had received salvation and forgiveness.

• **I Corinthians 15:9** “For I am the _____ of the apostles, who am not _____ to be called an apostle, because I _____ the church of God.”

• **Galatians 1:13** “For you have heard of my _____ conduct in Judaism, how I _____ the church of God beyond measure and tried to _____ it.”

14-15 And the **GRACE of our Lord was exceedingly ABUNDANT**, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.

• **Ephesians 3:20-21** "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly _____ above all that we ask or think, according to the _____ that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

Definition: "The **GRACE of our Lord was exceedingly ABUNDANT**" – "**ABOUNDED**" or **to be ABUNDANT** means to be present in GREAT QUANTITY, a LOT of something. "**GRACE**" means unmerited or UNEARNED favor. **Being accepted and loved by God** when we have done NOTHING and CAN DO NOTHING to EARN or DESERVE it.

• **James 4:6** "But He gives more _____. Therefore He says, 'God _____ the _____, but gives _____ to the _____.'"

• **Romans 5:20** "Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, _____ much _____."

• **I Peter 1:3** "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His _____ mercy has begotten us again (caused us to be BORN AGAIN) to a living hope through the resurrection of _____ from the dead."

• **II Corinthians 4:15** "For all things are for your sakes, that _____, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to _____ to the glory of _____."

• **II Corinthians 9:8** "And God is able to make all _____ toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, have an _____ for every good work."

16-17 However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a **pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life**. Now to the **King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God** who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

• **I Peter 5:11** "To _____ be the _____ and the _____ and _____. Amen."

• **I Chronicles 29:10-13** "Therefore David _____ the _____ before all the congregation; and David said: '_____ are You, Lord God of Israel, our _____, forever and ever. Yours, O Lord is the _____, the _____ and the _____, the victory and the _____; for all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours; Yours is the _____, O Lord, and you are exalted as _____ over _____. Both riches and honor come from You, and you _____ over all. In Your hand is _____ and might; in Your hand is to make great and to give strength to all. Now therefore, our God, we thank You and _____ Your glorious name.'"

Definition: "To Him be the **GLORY and the DOMINION forever and ever**" – This is a way of praising and worshiping God by saying that **to God alone belongs all GLORY and DOMINION** (rule and reign of His kingdom), and just acknowledging **who God is and how great and mighty He is**.

• **Matthew 6:9-13** "In this manner, therefore, _____: Our _____ in heaven, hallowed be our name. Your _____ come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For _____ is the

_____ and the _____ and the _____ forever. Amen”