

“Love Lifted Me Recovery Ministries”

First Timothy Bible Study — I Timothy 3:16 & 4:1-3 Lesson #7

**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.

16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **GOD was MANIFESTED in the FLESH**, justified in the Spirit, seen by angels, **PREACHED among the Gentiles, BELIEVED on in the WORLD**, received up in glory.

•**John 1:1-3 & 14** “In the beginning was the Word (Jesus), and the Word was _____ and the Word _____. He was in the _____ with God. All things were _____ through Him, and without Him _____ was made that was made. (Verse 14) “And the Word became _____ and dwelt among us, and we beheld His _____, the _____ as of the only begotten of the Father, full of _____ and _____.”

•**John 1:14** “And the _____ became _____ and _____ (LIVED) among us, and we beheld His _____, the _____ as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

•**Revelation 22:3-4** “And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb (Jesus) shall be in it, and _____ servants shall serve _____. They shall see _____, and _____ name shall be on their foreheads.”

NOTE: It says ONE throne and ONE name (“Him” not “Them”, “His face” not “Their faces”). Compare with Zechariah 14:9 “And the Lord shall be King over all the earth; in that day shall there be **ONE LORD, and His name ONE.**” Jesus says in John 17:3-5 that He will SHARE GOD'S GLORY with the Father, the glory that He (Jesus) ALREADY HAD with God the Father from all eternity, yet in Isaiah 48:11 God says **He will not share** His glory with ANOTHER!! Jesus **IS** God.

Definition: “GOD was MANIFESTED in the FLESH” — MANIFESTED means “revealed or shown to be.” The New Testament shows us over and over again that Jesus is EQUAL to GOD the FATHER!! He is not a LESSER god on a scale of gods, and He is NOT merely a GOOD MAN or prophet, as many religions want to believe. **JESUS IS THE GOD-MAN, God who came in the FLESH, in a HUMAN BODY to become our Savior** and die on the cross for our sins. The Bible tells us over and over again that we WORSHIP ONE GOD, but that He exists in THREE PERSONS: the FATHER, the SON, and the HOLY SPIRIT. Starting in the very first chapter of the Bible, God refers to Himself as “Us” and “Our,” then switches back to “His” and “He.” Compare Isaiah 48:12-16 with Rev. 1:8,11,17-18. The same One who “laid the foundation of the earth and stretched out the heavens” is also the One who “was DEAD and now I am ALIVE FOREVERMORE!!” Jesus Christ is the “Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”

•**Isaiah 48:12-13 & 16** (Verses 12-13) “Listen to Me, O Jacob, and Israel, My called: I am He, I am the _____, I am also the _____. Indeed My _____ has laid the _____ of the earth, and My right hand has stretched out the _____.” (Verse 16) “Come near to Me, hear this: I have not spoken in secret from the _____; from the time that it was, I was there. And now the Lord _____ and His _____ have sent _____.”

(Here are ALL THREE PERSONS of the GODHEAD mentioned together in the Old Testament!!)

Jesus is speaking, and He says that God and the Holy Spirit have SENT HIM).

• **Revelation 1:8,11 & 17b-18** “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,’ says the Lord, ‘Who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.’ “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the _____ and the _____.” (Verses 17b-18) “Do NOT be AFRAID; I am the _____ and the _____. I am He who lives, and was _____, and behold, I am _____ FOREVERMORE. Amen. And I have the Keys of Hades and of Death.”

Definition: “PREACHED among the Gentiles, BELIEVED on in the WORLD” – Even in Paul’s own lifetime, the gospel of Jesus Christ had begun to spread throughout the whole known world. When persecution started in the Roman Empire, **many Christians scattered to all different parts of the world** to escape the persecution. James mentions the “twelve tribes” who were scattered all over the world, and those who were **Believers in Jesus took the gospel with them and preached it wherever they went.**

• **James 1:1** “James, a servant of _____ and of the Lord _____ Christ, to the twelve _____ which are _____ abroad: Greetings!”

• **Romans 16:25-26** “Now to Him who is able to establish you _____ to my _____ and the _____ of _____ Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which was kept secret since the world began, but now has been made _____, and by the prophetic Scriptures has been made _____ to _____, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith – “

• **I Peter 1:12** “To them it was _____ that, NOT to THEMSELVES, but TO US they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have _____ the _____ to you by the _____ sent from heaven – things which ANGELS DESIRE to LOOK INTO.”

• **Colossians 1:5-6** “Because of the hope which is laid up for you in _____, of which you _____ before in the _____ of the _____ of the _____, which has come to you, as it has also in _____ the _____, and is _____ forth _____, as it is also among you since the day you _____ and knew the _____ of _____ in _____.”

Definition: “The GOSPEL, which has COME to you, as it has also in ALL the WORLD” – The GOSPEL, which means **GOOD NEWS, is the INVITATION to receive ETERNAL LIFE through Jesus Christ.** This gospel is **AVAILABLE to ALL people**, but many DO NOT RECEIVE Him. ALL PEOPLE EVERYWHERE have had an opportunity to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ. This is not saying that **all HAVE HEARD about Jesus**, but that **ALL people have the OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR, if they WANT to HEAR.** God is absolutely FAIR and JUST, and does not condemn anyone to hell without giving them a chance to HEAR the truth about Jesus.

• **Revelation 22:17** “And the _____ and the bride say, “_____!” And let him who hears say, “_____!” And let him who thirsts come. And _____ desires, let him _____ the water of _____ freely.”

• **John 12:32** “And I (Jesus), if I am _____ up from the earth (on the CROSS), will draw _____ to Myself.”

• **Titus 2:11-12** “For the _____ of God that brings _____ has _____ to _____, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live _____, _____, and _____ in the present age.”

Definition: “BRINGING forth FRUIT” – We, as individual Christians, are to be bearing and bringing forth fruit for God, but there is another sense here that **the GOSPEL itself is bringing forth fruit for God.** In other Scriptures, it is called God’s “harvest” or crop. As the SEED of the GOSPEL is planted in

peoples' hearts, God causes the growth and the **producing of "fruit" or a crop - His HARVEST of SOULS.**

Jesus said we, as individual Christians, are to "BEAR FRUIT to GOD." In that context "fruit" means product, RESULTS, outcome. The OUTCOME of our lives should be to DO God's will and live a life that is pleasing to Him. The joyful REAPING of a HARVEST of souls for God's kingdom is also likened to **God gathering His sheep together into the fold.** There is JOY in HEAVEN over every sheep who comes to Jesus as our Good Shepherd.

•**Matthew 9:37-38** "Then He said to His disciples, 'The _____ truly is plentiful, but the laborers (workers) are _____. Therefore pray (ask) the _____ of the _____ to send out laborers into His _____.'"

•**Luke 15:5-7 & 10** "And when He has _____ it, He lays it on His shoulders, _____. And when He comes home, He calls together His _____ and neighbors, saying to them, '_____ with Me, for I have _____ My _____ which was lost!' I say to you that likewise (in the same way) there will be more _____ in _____ over one _____ who _____ than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.' (Verse 10) "Likewise, I say to you, there is _____ in the presence of the _____ of God over one _____ who repents."

Chapter 4

1-3 Now the Spirit expressly says that **in the LATTER TIMES some will DEPART from the FAITH, giving heed to DECEIVING spirits and doctrines of DEMONS,** speaking lies in hypocrisy, **having their own CONSCIENCE seared with a hot iron, forbidding to MARRY, and commanding to ABSTAIN from FOODS** which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.

•**II Timothy 3:1-5** "But realize this, that in the _____ difficult times will come. For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, _____, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, _____, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self control, brutal, _____ of _____, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God; holding to a form of godliness (false Christianity), although they have _____ its power; and _____ such men as these."

•**Romans 2:11-16** "For when Gentiles, who do _____ have the _____, by nature do the things contained in the Law, these, although not having the Law, are a law to themselves; who show the work of the law _____ in their _____, their _____ also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts _____ or else _____ them)."

•**II Corinthians 11:3-4** "But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent _____ Eve by his _____, so your minds may be _____ from the simplicity and purity of Christ. For if he who comes preaches _____ whom we have not preached, or you receive a _____ which you have not received, or a _____ which you have not accepted, you may well put up with it (be tricked by it)."

Definition: "In the LATTER TIMES" - Are we living in the "Last Days" or "latter times" just before Jesus is to return? Yes, I believe we truly are, but Paul and the early church also thought Jesus could return at any time, so they considered that they were also living in the "last days" or "latter times." Of course, since some 2,000 years have passed since then, we are obviously living in **the LAST of the LAST days** before Jesus returns.

•**I John 2:18-19** "Little children, it is the _____ hour; and as you have heard that the _____ is coming, even now many _____ have come, by which we know

that it is the _____ . They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.”

• **Hebrews 1:1-2** “God, who at various _____ and in different ways _____ in times past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these _____ spoken to us by His _____, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom He made the _____.”

Definition: “Having their own CONSCIENCE SEARED with a HOT IRON” – Every person, saved or unsaved, has a conscience that gives them a knowledge of right and wrong, and produces guilt when violated. It is a built-in warning system from God, but it can become desensitized. When a person violates his conscience enough times, it eventually becomes scarred, or seared (I Timothy 4:2) and that person no longer feels any guilt. Those described in Ephesians 4:19, “Who **being past FEELING**, have given themselves over to licentiousness (no moral restraint), to work all uncleanness with greediness,” are people who **no longer feel their conscience**, and they have no remorse (feeling sorry) for doing wrong. For the Christian, the Bible seems to indicate that our conscience is now working together with the Holy Spirit speaking to us.

• **Romans 9:1** “I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my _____ also bearing me witness in the _____.”

• **John 8:8-9** “And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. Then those who heard it, being _____ by their _____, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest even to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.”

• **Titus 1:15** “To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their _____ and _____ are _____.”

Definition: “Some will DEPART from the FAITH, giving heed to DECEIVING spirits and doctrines of DEMONS” – One of the main purposes that Satan and his demons try to do in our lives is to make people BELIEVE a LIE. Doctrine means “teaching” — we are NOT to be falling for every new kind of teaching or latest “spiritual fad”. **Cults and false teachers** are EVERYWHERE, and their false teachings come directly from Satan and his demons!! Many of them *SOUND* Christian, or use the name of Jesus, but **they are a mixture of truth and LIES! Satan is the FATHER OF LIES and a great counterfeiter.** Many true Christians get tricked or sucked into false cults because they DO NOT know **what God’s word really says!!**

• **Revelation 2:14** “But I have a few things against you, because you have there _____ who hold the _____ of Balaam, who _____ Balak to put a stumbling block before the _____ of _____, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit acts of immorality (fornication).”

• **Ephesians 4:14-15** “That we should _____ longer be _____, tossed to and fro and carried about with every _____ of _____, by the _____ of men, in the cunning _____ by which they lie in wait to _____, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head — Christ.”

• **John 9-11** “Whoever transgresses and does _____ abide in the _____ of _____ does not have God. He who abides in the _____ of Christ has both the Father and the Son. If anyone _____ to _____ and does _____ bring this _____, do not _____ him into your house nor _____ him; for he who _____ him shares in his _____ deeds.”