

Paul, The Grateful Servant

1 Timothy 1:12-17

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- What God did – v. 12

1 Timothy 1:12 NASB

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service,

Ephesians 3:8-10 NASB

To me, the very least of all saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ, 9 and to bring to light what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God who created all things; 10 so that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.

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1 Timothy 1:13 NASB

even though I was formerly a blasphemer
and a persecutor and a violent aggressor.
Yet I was shown mercy because I acted
ignorantly in unbelief;

Acts 26:9-11 NASB

"So then, I thought to myself that I had to do many things hostile to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. 10 "And this is just what I did in Jerusalem; not only did I lock up many of the saints in prisons, having received authority from the chief priests, but also when they were being put to death I cast my vote against them. 11 "And as I punished them often in all the synagogues, I tried to force them to blaspheme; and being furiously enraged at them, I kept pursuing them even to foreign cities.

Acts 8:1-4 NASB

Saul was in hearty agreement with putting him to death. And on that day a great persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. 2 Some devout men buried Stephen, and made loud lamentation over him. 3 But Saul began ravaging the church, entering house after house, and dragging off men and women, he would put them in prison. 4 Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word.

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and the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are found in Christ Jesus. 15 It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all.

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- Why the foremost of sinners was saved – v. 16

1 Timothy 1:16 NASB

Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life.

Ephesians 3:8-10 NASB

To me, **the very least of all saints**, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unfathomable riches of Christ,

1 Corinthians 15:9-10 NASB

9 For I am the least of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.

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- Why the foremost of sinners was saved – v. 16
- Do I gratefully serve this God? – v. 17

1 Timothy 1:17 NASB

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible,
the only God, be honor and glory forever
and ever. Amen.

Acts 22:14-16 NASB

"And he said, 'The God of our fathers has appointed you to know His will and to see the Righteous One and to hear an utterance from His mouth. 15 'For you will be a witness for Him to all men of what you have seen and heard. 16 'Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.'