

Ministry of The Holy Spirit
Order in the Church, Part 1
1 Timothy 2

[Russia Going Nuclear, Ezk 38-39 Update]

Last time...the Holy Spirit had a ministry assignment in Ephesus for Timothy while Paul escorts the love offering of the Gentile churches in Macedonia and Achaia to the church in Jerusalem

The purpose of Timothy's ministry in Ephesus is recorded in 1 Timothy, a "pastoral" letter rather than a "church" letter

- pastoral and doctrinal counsel
- encouragement
- establishing order in the church
- warnings in perilous times
- keeping/protecting the unity and the purity of the faith

Essential points from chapter 1 which I take very seriously:

1. Teach no other doctrine than God's doctrine, sound doctrine, the Word of God
2. Warn about and avoid
 - Fables..."Christian fiction", false doctrine
 - Endless genealogies...divisive vs unifying in Christ
 - Vain jangling...babble from teachers who have no business being teachers, wolves in sheep's clothing
 - Hymenaeus and Alexander

This time...in 1 Timothy 2, Paul gives pastoral counsel to Timothy regarding order in the Church

Order in the Church, Part 1

- upward (Ch 2:1-8)
- within
 - women (Ch 2:9-15)

To be followed by Order in the Church, Part 2

- within, continued
 - bishops (Ch 3:1-7)
 - deacons (Ch 3:8-13)

v1-3 I exhort you, therefore...because of Ch 1
that first of all...the first of 2 exhortations in this chapter
supplications...petitions asked
prayers...worship given
intercessions...Royal Law in communication with God for the benefit of others
giving of thanks...gratitude expressed
be made for

1. all men
2. kings...Biden, Putin
3. all that are in authority...Senators, Reps, governors, mayors, etc

that we may lead quiet and peaceful lives...not wild and crazy and fearful lives
in all godliness/holiness and honesty/gravity/sincerity...before God and man
For this...praying for our civil leaders and living a quiet and peaceful life in this world
is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior...is what He wants us to do

God our Savior Himself saves from eternal death whosoever believes in Jesus Christ
John 3:16
Rom 6:23

God did not save Israel from Babylon or Persia or Greece or Rome
(He will save them from Russia and Iran and gang)
God has not saved the Church from Rome or any other Gov't

Death is the enemy He conquered (1 Cor 15:26)

God our Savior (we are saved from eternal death by God Himself!) is the God of order
1 Cor 14:33, 40

God has put civil authorities in place for our good during our "passing thru" this place
that is not our home
Gen 9:6
Dan 2:21
Dan 4:17, 25
Rom 13:1-7

The Church is to be the witness of Jesus Christ, the aroma of Jesus Christ (Kok and Lol)
in those civic government jurisdictions...and it MUST start with prayer!

I fall short here
I do not pray for Biden, Putin, Pelosi, Shummer as I should...that they repent of
their sins seek God's guidance that they so desperately need.

I need God's heart toward them...

v4

Who...God our Savior

will...desires

all men...who is excluded?

to be saved...from eternal death like I am, by grace thru faith

come to the knowledge...recognition of, acknowledgment of

the truth...John 14:6 (a Person), John 17:17, like I/we did

The desire of God's heart is that all people will be saved from eternal death

After all,

- His only Begotten Son paid the ransom for every person
- He takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked

With all longsuffering, God desires the wicked to not perish but to receive the gift of repentance, turn to Him, and call upon the name of Jesus Christ to save them from death and darkness

2 Peter 3:9

2 Tim 2:24-26

Yet He does not impose His desire on anyone...

He gives everyone a choice and, ultimately, the desire of their hearts

Deut 30:15-20

Matt 7:13-14

Matt 20:28 many...the ransom He paid is effective for those who believe

Our role in this majestic work of God is

- to pray for them, v1b...as someone prayed for us
- to be witnesses, ambassadors of our King...as someone witnessed to us

Regarding the plague of death upon all man-kind...

v5-6 There is one...and only one...God, Maker of heaven and earth and all that is therein and one...and only one...mediator/reconciler

- between God and men

Job 9

How shall a man be just(ified) with God?

If I justify myself, my own mouth condemns me

I know that You will not hold me innocent

God is not a man that I should answer Him

Neither is there a daysman/mediator between us that might lay His hand upon us both

Rom 3:10, 23

Is 7:14

Incarnation vs fertilization

John 1:1, 4, 14

1 John 1:1-2

Eternal life manifested to fallen men

- of a better covenant established upon better promises

the man (Son of Man, 100% Man) Christ Jesus

- John 14:6
- Prov 14:12 and Prov 16:25
 - NOT Mary His mother
 - NOT the “saints” ordained by a false priesthood in a religion of man

Who gave Himself a ransom for all man-kind

- for all the sins of all man-kind

Rom 5:14-21

1 John 2:2 he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of* the whole world

Titus 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works

Gal 1:4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me

- to set the captives free

Rom 7:14 carnal, sold under sin

Heb 2:15 thru fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage

2 Cor 5:17-21

ONLY Jesus Christ made Himself an acceptable freewill offering to satisfy God’s justice.

Mary did not, could not

No person ever has, or could ever

v7 The ransom has been paid in full...”It is finished!”

Now the Gospel of Grace, the power of God unto salvation for whosoever believes, unto which Paul...as God as his witness and before Whom he stands

was ordained...by the Lord Jesus Christ

- a preacher...to the lost, Rom 10:9-17
- an apostle...his authority in the Body of Christ
- a teacher...to the saved, in how to follow Jesus

in faith...Heb 12:2a

and verity...truth, John 14:6

- v8 Therefore, given v1-7, Paul desires that all children of God everywhere would pray
- for all...v1-3
 - for salvation...v4-6

lifting up holy/cleansed hands

- unconditional offering of Self to God..."Here I am, take all of me."
- complete surrender to God's will and heart

without the filthy stuff of the flesh

- wrath, anger, violence
- doubting, disputing, dividing to destroy

v9-10 In like manner also

The order in the Church is the "first of all"... "upward"

The order in the Church is the "in like manner also"... within

1. women (Ch 2:9-15)
2. bishops (Ch 3:1-7)
3. deacons (Ch 3:8-13)

so Timothy (and each of us) knows how to behave himself in the house of God
(Ch 3:15)

The pastoral counsel regarding order within the Church begins with women

Cultural context for the role of women in the Church:

Timothy was sent to...Ephesus

Ephesus was the home of the Temple of Diana, the virgin goddess of

- fertility and childbirth, the protector of women during childbirth
- the hunt

An "interesting" pairing by the counterfeiter, the devil!

She was served by provocatively and regally dressed maiden priestesses...
temple prostitutes sent into the city to allure men for..."worship"
(hunters of men)

Contrary to the women in the Temple of Diane in Ephesus,

or the carnal, unsaved women walking all around us in public,

the women in the Church, the Temple of the Holy Spirit,

with shamefacedness...a bashfulness, not a "out there for all to see"
brazenness

with sobriety...the clear mind of Christ, thinking of others (the men)

are to wear modest clothing,

not provocative and revealing clothing to capture the visual attention of
the men/males

are to not glamorize themselves

- with attention-seeking “look at me!” hair styles
- all sorts of attention-drawing “bling”
- luxurious designer clothing

to impress and appeal to the eyes of men

or

to impress and appeal to the competitive spirit of women

What is proper (and attractive) about a Christian woman is her...godliness,
her humility and her submission to the Lord Jesus Christ

1 Peter 3:1-4

If unmarried, their Husband is Christ

The setting for this instruction to women is the public gatherings of the followers of
Jesus Christ

All attention is to be on Jesus Christ as the Church gathers to worship Him

Q: Is the woman responsible for the lust in a man's heart?

No!

Muslim men still lust after Muslim women hearing the hijab

But the woman is held responsible if they “fan the flame” by how they dress in
public

With modesty spoken of, what is the role of the women in the Church?

v11 In the public gatherings of the entire congregation, the women are to learn in silence

- stillness, quietness, humility
- not be loud and brazen

with all subjection/submission/orderliness

As at home...order

Eph 5:21-24

The woman/wife is equal to (same essence) but different than the male/husband

Gen 1:26-27 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

The mystery of God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

Equal (same essence) but different

- v12 In the public gatherings of the entire congregation, the women are not to
- teach...doctrine to the entire congregation
 - usurp...to seize what is not given to you...the authority over the men

As at home...

Eph 5:25-27, 32

1 Cor 11:3, 8-9, 11-12

Gen 3:16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire *shall be* to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

Order is based on humility and submission...following Jesus, our example

John 4:34 *My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.*

John 5:30 *I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me*

John 6:38 *For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me*

Matt 26:39, 42-44

John 10:30 our Good Shepherd Who purchased us
Phil 2:5-8 made Himself of no reputation...became common man
took upon Him the form of a servant, made in the likeness
of men
humbled Himself
became obedient unto death

Matt 16:24

Within the Church

Titus 2:2-5

Deaconess/servant ala Phebe (Rom 16:1-2)

Q: What do we see in much of the Church today?

Disorder, women as teachers and pastors

Did God publish an updated version of His Word

or

has man made himself the judge of God's Word, picking and choosing what to believe He said?

v13-14 The issue is not women's right's or equality

Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free,
there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus

The issue is order in the house of God

Order as established by the sovereign will of God our Savior in His creation of man

1. Adam/male...from the dust
2. Eve/female/woman...taken out of man

And males and females cannot change their genders!

They can choose to be disorderly and defiant but they cannot change how God
has made them!

In the Garden of Eden, the serpent did not deceive Adam, the serpent deceived Eve
Eve ate/sinned first and then gave Adam to eat/sin ("eat" = believe)

The serpent tempted the weaker vessel

1 Peter 3:7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with *them* according to
knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the
weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of
life; that your prayers be not hindered.

The author of confusion attacked God's order by going to Eve

v15 But she..."the woman" (v14)...one woman
shall...a promise of God to be made good later
be saved...from eternal death

in childbearing...not by the counterfeit named Diana of Ephesus but by God our Savior

What does this mean?

As there is "one man"...Rom 5:14-21

There is "one woman"...Gen 3:15

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between
thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise
his heel

By the woman, not the man, shall come the Seed of the Woman,
Jesus Christ, the one mediator between God and men
(by a humble, submissive, godly virgin woman)

if they...plural, any/every woman
continue/abide/walk in...follow Jesus

- faith...the faith of Christ
- charity...*agape*
- holiness...purity, separate from the world and unto God our Savior
- sobriety...clear-mindedness, the mind of Christ, the Royal Law

Application/Exhortation

1. The Word of God...sound doctrine (Ch 1:10), the only doctrine I am to teach (Ch 1:4)

The Word of God is not Politically Correct, is not Woke
Was not then in Ephesus
Is not now in USA

The Word of God is counter-culture...
God's ways that lead to eternal life
vs
man's ways that lead to eternal death

Our society is

- shameless and shameful
- vulgar
- grossly immodest, even pornographic
- disorderly and confused

A problem in the Church: the Woke/lukewarm Church:

- Politically Correct
- Not counter-culture

2. The order of the God of order

Order is disdained and resisted by confusion, which knows no bounds
The author of confusion was confused by Jesus' mission, the wisdom of God
1 Cor 2:1-8

So the devil feverishly sowed confusion in God's new work, the continuing work of
Jesus Christ:
Seeking and saving the lost, salvation by grace thru faith, both Jew and Gentile

We see the confusion in the Church to this day

- The lukewarm/Woke Church...a reflection of society
- The religious, oppressive, anti-grace Church...a false gospel
- The spiritually dead Church...words of death (e.g. Kirill)

But where there is order...based on humility and submission...there are boundaries
within which God's people prosper and flourish

We are to live orderly lives

- witnesses of Light and Life and Love to the lost
- reflecting our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, who change not
- preaching the Gospel of salvation by grace thru faith
- speaking words of Life, holding forth the Word of Life