

“The Church and It’s Message”

I Timothy 1: 120

In Chapter one of I Timothy, the apostle Paul (1) warns against false doctrine, (2) testifies concerning God’s grace, and (3) charges Timothy to “fight the good fight.” From these statements, we can discover a three-fold explanation of the church’s message. These describe the church’s message for today as well.

- I. The church’s message must be DOCTRINALLY SOUND (v.5)
 - A. Our message is best conveyed out of a PURE HEART (v. 5a)
 - B. Our message is best conveyed out of a CLEAR CONSCIENCE (5b)
 - C. Our message is best conveyed with a SINCERE FAITH (v.5c)
- II. The Church’s Message must be CHRIST CENTERED (vv.1-17)
 - A. Christ is our MESSAGE OF HOPE (v.1) Colossians 1:27
 - B. Christ is our MESSAGE OF GRACE, MERCY AND PEACE (v.2)
 - Romans 1:7
 - C. Christ is our MESSAGE OF STRENGTH AND CALLING (v.12)
 - Acts 9:22
 - D. Christ is our MESSAGE OF FAITH AND LOVE (v.14) I Timothy 3:13
 - E. Christ is our MESSAGE OF SALVATION (v15)
 - 1. The PERSON who came (“Christ Jesus”)
 - 2. The PLACE to which He came (“into the world”)
 - 3. The PURPOSE for which He came (“to save sinners”)
- III. The church’s message must be WORTH DEFENDING (vv. 18-20)
 - A. We are COMMANDED to defend our message (v. 18)
 - B. We are COMMITTED to defend our message (v.19a)
 - C. We are CAUTIONED in defending our message (19b)
 - 1. HYMENAEUS-Redefined the truth (II Timothy 2:17b-18a)
 - 2. ALEXANDAR-Rebelled against the truth. (II Timothy 4:14)
 - D. We are COMPELLED to defend our message (v.20)
 - 1. I Corinthians 5:3-5 (esp. v.5)
 - 2. I Corinthians 11:32

The church has the greatest message ever told. It’s worth believing, receiving, defending and sharing. It is a message that is (1) DOCTRINALLY SOUND, (2) CHRIST CENTERED and (3) WORTH DEFENDING.