

The Only Hope for the Very Worst

Ministry in God's Church — Pillar and Support of the Truth (Part #11)

1 Timothy 1:15-17

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¹⁵ Faithful is the word, and of all acceptance worthy: that Christ Jesus came into the world, sinners to save — of whom foremost¹ am I *myself*.

suffering, for a prototype for those who are going to believe on Him unto life eternal.²

¹⁶ But *indeed* for this *reason* I was shown mercy: in order that in me *as* foremost¹ Christ Jesus might display the utmost long-

¹⁷ Now, to the King of the ages — incorruptible, invisible, the only God — *be* honor and glory unto the ages of the ages.³ Amen!

(1 Timothy 1:15-17

Pastor Phillips' ad hoc translation of the Greek text)

Introduction:

I. _____ of _____ (v. 15)

A. _____ ing

1. Meaning of phrase

a. First: this was a _____

b. Second: this word is _____

c. Third: this word is worthy of hearty _____

2. Implications for us

B. _____ ing _____

1. _____ came? (1 Timothy ____:5; ____:16)

¹ Literally *first*

² Gk *aiōnion*; see note next verse

³ The noun translated *ages* [*aiōn*] three times is related to the adjective that ends v. 16, translated *eternal* [*aiōnion*].

2. _____ did He come? (Philippians ____:6–7)

3. _____ did He come?

4. _____ did He _____? (Titus ____:14)

C. _____

1. The _____ we must take to salvation

2. When God _____ to save

II. _____ of Mercy (v. 16)

A. God's _____ (v. 16a)

1. Compare

2. Consider

B. God's _____ (v. 16b)

1. For the unconverted

2. For the converted

III. King of the _____ (v. 17)

A. _____ of Thought

B. Fullness of _____