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CHAPTER 1  
“The Chief of Sinners”

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Have you ever noticed that when you go to work for a new company, during the orientation and training period they never tell you everything you are going to need to do for your job?

There's always something they forget to tell you. All of a sudden as you're working, you're confronted with a situation that was not covered in orientation.

You're tired of going back to your manager and asking questions. You don't want to look like a dummy. You want to show some initiative. So you attack that situation and you create a set of procedures that helps you quickly and efficiently finish the task.

For the next two or three months, every time that situation arises, **you do what you think is right.**

Three months later, your manager comes by, observes what you're doing, and says, "**That's the wrong procedure. You're going against company policy**".

**“You need to do it a different way. Here are the new procedures.”**

You realize that in relationship to the company's policies you've been sinning, by not following the correct procedures.

But something else occurs the moment your manager tells you that you have been doing it all wrong...

If you're like I am, something in your flesh says, "**Wait a minute! They don't understand my job!**"

**“I figured it out. I've done it efficiently. If I follow their procedures, it's going to be more paperwork, more bureaucracy.”** When the manager leaves, the temptation is to do it the way you've been doing it the last three months.

**Why?** Because there's something deep inside of us that causes us to respond negatively to law, rather than positively. **WE DON'T LIKE BEING TOLD WHAT TO DO!**

Anytime we are confronted with the law, it is just our natural response to **“Rebel against it”**

**As we begin the First letter that Paul wrote to Timothy, this young pastor is going to be confronted with lots of different situations concerning the “Law of God”.**

As Paul writes this letter to Timothy to teach him and encourage him, we are going to learn a lot about ourselves and how we just naturally have a hard time with “The Law of God”

First, a little background...

**There are, what we call:**

(3) **Pastoral Epistles**: 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus

(7) **Church Epistles** Romans, Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Thessalonians that Paul wrote

**Paul always begins his letters with some type of introduction that includes a description of himself and a greeting to the reader.**

**3 times** Paul calls himself “**A Bondservant**”,

**9 times** Paul calls himself “**An Apostle**”.

**1 time** he calls himself “**A Prisoner**”.

- **In the Greek language**, a “**Bondservant**” is a “**Doulos**”. A Hebrew could only be kept as a household slave in cases where they had incurred debt they could not repay, or for certain crimes.
- **The law stated that after 6 years** the slave had to be set free. Many times, because the slave was treated so well, the slave fell in love with his master because and really became a member of his household, he became like a son.
- **At the end of the 6 years**, this slave could choose to remain in his masters house “**Forever.**” In which case, the master would take the slave out to the door post and Pierce his ear lobe with an awl, and place an ear ring there, signifying that he was a slave for life.

**By Paul stating that He is a “Bondservant”, or “Doulos”, he is stating that he loves his master Jesus and wishes to remain in his household forever.**

- **Even as you, this morning**, as you fall in love with Jesus, you might go from “**Servant**” to “**Son**” or “**Daughter**”, have your heart pierced through for Jesus, and choose to remain in His household forever.

**Paul calls himself “An Apostle”**

- **An Apostle means, “One that is sent”**. Paul used the description “Apostle” to show that he has the same authority as the other 11 men that Jesus chose. This authority was important to the person reading one of Paul’s letter because they would often ask: “**By what authority do you say these things?**”
- **The only person** that can rightly be called “An Apostle”, is one that met two qualifications:
  1. They had to have been called to be a Apostle Directly by Jesus.
  2. They had to have personally seen with their own eyes that Jesus had risen from the dead.

**This is why today there is not one person who could claim that they are “An Apostle” sent by Jesus. There are many who claim to have this authority, but of course they are liars.**

- **After Judas Iscariot** betrayed Jesus and then ended his own life, the other 11 disciples tried to choose a replacement. They drew straws to choose “**Matthias**”, of course you have heard of the book of Matthias right?
- **The Apostles made a mistake in choosing Matthias.** They had tried to make this choice before Jesus had given them the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost there in the upper room.
- **Any decision we try to make** apart from the leading of the Holy Spirit will always be wrong, and directed only by our flesh.
- **Of course, the choice that Jesus made was Paul,** a man well trained in the Old Testament Scriptures by “**Gamaliel**”, but also a man who traveled from town to town with letters giving his authority to arrest anyone who claimed to be a follower of Jesus. Often these persons captured by Paul were put in prison or killed.
- **On the day that Jesus saved Paul** he was on his way to Damascus to arrest more Christians:

### **Acts 26:12-16**

12 “While thus occupied, as **I journeyed to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests,**

13 at midday, O king, along the road **I saw a light from heaven,** brighter than the sun, shining around me and those who journeyed with me.

14 And when we all had fallen to the ground, **I heard a voice speaking to me and saying in the Hebrew language, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.”**

15 So **I said, “Who are You, Lord?” And He said, ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.**

16 But rise and stand on your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, **to make you a minister** and a witness both of the things which you have seen and of the things which I will yet reveal to you.

- **So, when you see Paul begin** one of his letters as “**Paul and Apostle**”, you will know that **he is claiming to be writing these things to you by the direct authority of Jesus.**

Paul also says in his letters, 5 different things about how he came to be in the ministry:

“Called” 2 times

“By the Will of God” 4 times

“Through the Will of God” 1 time

“By the Commandment of God”, only here in the first letter to Timothy.

“Separated to the Gospel”,

Here is how Paul begins his letter to Timothy...

### **1 Timothy 1**

1:1 Paul, **an apostle** of Jesus Christ, **by the commandment** of God our Savior and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope,

1:2 To Timothy, a true son in the faith: **Grace, mercy, and peace** from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

- **Remember Timothy is a young pastor**, so Paul says a couple of things here that are different than some of his other letters.
- **To Timothy** he writes that he is an Apostle “By the Commandment of God”.
- **In other letters** Paul says that he was “Called to be an Apostle”

### What is the difference between being “Called” and being “Commanded”?

- **A calling** to do something is by His Spirit speaking to your Spirit.
- **A Command** comes most often through something we read in Scripture.
- **What we might not do** when we are “Called” to something as he is speaking to our mind, we are more likely to do if the Lord “Commands” us through His Word.

There are perhaps some here today that the Lord is “Calling you” to do something specific. He is speaking to your mind, but you are not listening.

- **Some of you, right** now the Lord is Calling you to “Stand Still”, “Wait on the Lord”, don’t move, don’t do anything.
- **But you want to do something else, go somewhere else. You are restless.**
- **Sometimes**, when Jesus is “Calling us to do something”, we will resist.
- **On the other hand**, if Jesus “Commands” you to do something in His Word, if we really belong to Him, we will do it.
- **If Jesus is “Lord” of your life**, you do whatever He commands you to do.

So here, Paul says, that being an “Apostle”, one sent out, in this case is by the “Commandment of God”, in other words, no doubt in his mind that He is An Apostle..

**Then in verse 2**, we see the second thing that is different in this letter from others that Paul has written.

1:2 To Timothy, a true son in the faith: **Grace, mercy, and peace** from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

- **In every other letter** Paul wrote, except Timothy and Titus, Paul wrote “Grace and Peace”.
- **In 1 Timothy and Titus**, Paul added “Mercy”.
- **These are the letters written to encourage pastors**, so perhaps it is because pastors need more “Mercy”, that Paul adds this to these 2 letters.

**Grace** is **GETTING WHAT YOU DO NOT DESERVE**. Jesus gave you forgiveness, eternal life and the riches of heaven, free of charge to you, if you would just believe that He died for you.

**Mercy** is **NOT GETTING WHAT YOU REALLY DESERVE**. We were already condemned because of our sin, we were hopeless, we deserved judgment and punishment, but Jesus took all of this for you instead. This is Mercy, not getting the punishment we deserved.

**We first meet Timothy in Ac 16:1-3.**

### **Acts 16:1-3**

**16:1** Then Paul came to Derbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, *the* son of a certain Jewish woman who believed, but his father *was* Greek.

**16:2** He was well spoken of by the brethren who were at Lystra and Iconium.

**16:3** Paul wanted to have Timothy go on with him.

**Being that we are celebrating Mothers Day today, this is especially important, regarding Timothy, because He had a very special Mother.**

Timothy's Mother was A JEWISH CHRISTIAN. If you have ever met a Jewish person who has accepted Jesus as their Messiah, they are some of the most fun people to be around.

**They have an excitement that is impossible to contain, and it just seems to spread to those around them, especially their families!**

Timothy's Mother taught him the Scriptures, and as a result, he had a love for Gods Word. By the time that Paul made it back to **Lystra** for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time, **Timothy had matured so much in the Word, that Paul wanted to take Timothy along with Him.**

**Paul said that there was no one else like Timothy that really had the same heart for the people and for the Lord.**

### **1 Corinthians 4:17**

For this reason I have sent Timothy to you, who is **my beloved and faithful son** in the Lord

### **Philippians 2:19-20**

19 But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state.

20 For **I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state.**

**So, this is the young man that Paul is writing to:**

1:3 As I urged you when I went into Macedonia—**remain in Ephesus that you may charge some that they teach no other doctrine,**

1:4 nor **give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause disputes** rather than godly edification which is in faith.

- **The importance** of teaching only what the Bible says.
- **When Jesus church first began** in the book of Acts, there were just 3 things that they were to be doing:

### **Acts 2:42**

And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' **doctrine** and **fellowship**, in the breaking of bread, and in **prayers**.

1. The Word of God.
2. Fellowship.

3. Prayer.

- **The first believers** did not even have a building to meet in, they met in each others homes.
- **Today, our focus should be the same** as it was when the church first began: The Word, Fellowship, Prayer.

**Acts 2:46-47 ¶**

46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,  
47 praising God and having favor with all the people. **And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved**

- **This is all that we are to be doing**, and if we will, the Lord will add to the church, those who are being saved.
- **How complicated and political the church has become** from what it is supposed to be.

1:4 nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause disputes rather than godly edification which is in faith

- **Notice** that when we get outside of just the Word, into “Fables” and endless genealogies, then we start to argue and dispute each other.
- **We are to seek to find those things that we can agree on**, which will be many things.
- **The things that we might disagree on**, unless they are important for salvation, we should never seek to argue over.
- **Instead we are to look for ways** to edify and build each other up in our faith.

1:5 Now **the purpose of the commandment is love** from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith,

1:6 from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to idle talk,

1:7 desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm.

**Did you know that we have over 35 million laws on the books to enforce the simple 10 commandments that the Lord Gave!**

- **All of the 10 commandments**, all of the Law of God is really summed up in just one word: “Love”
- **If we would just be growing in our love for the Lord** and then **also for each other**, then we would always fulfill the law in every way.

**One day one of the Pharisees asked Jesus:**

**Matthew 22:36-40**

36 “Teacher, **which is the great commandment** in the law?”

37 Jesus said to him, “ ‘You shall love the LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’ ”

38 This is the first and great commandment.

39 And the second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

In other words, you could fulfill every requirement that the Lord has, just by Loving Him first, Other Second, and yourself last...

1:8 But we know that the law is good if one uses it lawfully,

**What was the purpose of the 10 commandments anyway?**

- **Most people** in the world use the 10 commandments to try and be righteous.
- **"I have kept 6 out of the 10 commandments** therefore I am righteous"
- **That was not the purpose of the Law of God**, "If you want to be acceptable to God these are the things that you should do and not do"

**This is what verse 8 is talking about, "Using the law of God to try and be righteous", was not the purpose of the 10 commandments.**

- **That is not** using the law "Lawfully:."
- **The purpose of the 10 commandments** was to make the whole world "Guilty"
- **That as you would look at the requirements of God to be righteous**, you would just admit "I can't do it".
- **"If this is what God requires of me**, I am guilty, I have broken God's law"

**Think of it this way:** "Joe", "Yes", "Are you going to heaven?"

**"Well, I don't know, I hope so"**

"What is the basis for you believing that you are going to heaven?"

**"Well, I am a pretty good person, I am not as bad as some people"**

"Joe, have you ever lied"

**"Yes, of course,"**

"Well then Joe YOU ARE A LIAR"

**"Hey man that's not fair everyone lies"**

"Yes Joe, that is true, but you admit you have lied", **"Yes I have"**

"Have you ever stolen anything, **Yes I have"**

"Lets see then, so far you are a LYING THIEF"

**"Hey wait a minute, you make me sound pretty bad, but I am not that bad, lots of people have lied and stolen and done much worse things than I have"**

“You see Joe this is where the problem lies, you are comparing yourself to other people, you should be comparing yourself to Jesus”

**“Hey that’s not fair, Jesus was perfect, he never did anything wrong”**

“Yes this is true, but Joe, on the basis of just Lying and Stealing, would you agree that you have broken God’s law?”

**“Yes I agree”** “You see then Joe, on the basis of Gods law you are guilty before him, the standard is not how many you keep or how many you have broken, the standard is PERFECTION, you must keep all of the 10 commandments, all of the time, or you are guilty”

### **James 2:10**

For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one *point*, he is guilty of all.

- **This is what Paul is talking about here in verse 8,** “The purpose of the law was to show me that I am guilty”
- **Realizing that I am guilty,** the only thing that I can do is plead with the Lord “Please Forgive Me”

**When Paul was writing to the Galatians, he told them:**

### **Galatians 3:24**

the law was **our schoolmaster** to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

**Listen to the way that the NLT translates this verse:**

### **Galatians 3:23-24**

**23** Until faith in Jesus was shown to us as the way of becoming right with God, we were guarded by the law. We were kept in protective custody, so to speak, until we could put our faith in the coming Savior.

**24** Let me put it another way. **The law was our guardian and teacher** to lead us until Christ came. So now, through faith in Christ, we are made right with God.

**“The purpose of the Law was to be our teacher”**

- **“Using the Law Lawfully” then, is to realize I am guilty and be driven to Jesus.**
- **Realizing then,** that Jesus hung on the Cross to pay for my failure to keep the Law of God.
- **Realizing then,** that When I put all of my trust in what Jesus has done for me, GOD CREDITS TO MY ACCOUNT RIGHTEOUSNESS!

**This is the point Paul is making, “The law of God is good if you use it in the way it was intended”**

- **But, if you try to use it as a measure** by which you can be acceptable to God, you have missed the whole point.
- **You cannot ever be acceptable to God** based upon how many of the commandments you have kept.
- **You are only acceptable to God** when you come through Jesus and His sacrifice for you sin.

1:9 knowing this: that the law is not made for a righteous person

- **Did you catch that?** “The law was not made for the righteous person”
- **What is** a “Righteous person?”
- **Those who approach God based upon what Jesus has done for them on the Cross.**
- **When you gave your life to Jesus** and asked Him to forgive all of your sins, He from that point on, looks at you as “**RIGHTEOUS**”

**Paul spoke of his own attempts at trying to be righteous by keeping the Law**

### **Philippians 3:4-6**

4 though **I also might have confidence in the flesh.** If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, **I more so:**

5 circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee;

6 **concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.**

**Paul says,** “Hey concerning the keeping of God’s law I was **BLAMELESS**”.

How many of us could say that, “**I was Blameless**” and yet, notice what Paul said next in Philippians:

### **Philippians 3:7**

But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ

**Like us, when Paul was confronted with the reality of Jesus, then all of our other attempts at trying to be acceptable to God by our own goodness are lost.**

- **The Lord did it this way so that none of us could Brag** and claim that we had anything to do with our making it to heaven.
- **Because we are so helpless,** and because only what Jesus did on the Cross can make us Righteous, there is nothing for us to Boast about.
- **All we can do is say** “Thank you Jesus for all that you have done for me!”

1:9 knowing this: **that the law is not made for a righteous person, but for the lawless** and insubordinate, for the ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

1:10 for **fornicators,** for **sodomites,** for kidnappers, for **liars,** for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine,

- **The 10 commandments** were made for these guys, those that live this kind of “Lifestyle”.
- **That as they see what God requires**, and consider their own lifestyle, they would be made guilty.

**Notice many of the things that society says today, excuses as acceptable behavior, the Lord says is still not acceptable.**

- **Fornicators**, Sex outside of marriage
- **Sodomites**, Homosexuals
- **liars**

**There are people today that claim that they are CHRISTIANS and live these kinds of lifestyles. Because society today says that these behaviors are acceptable, they seem to think that “I can be a Christian and be a Fornicator an Adulterer, a Homosexual and go to heaven.**

### **Galatians 5:19-21**

19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: **adultery, fornication**, uncleanness, lewdness,

20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,

21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that **those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

**Jesus said that If you Practice this kind of life style, no matter what you claim you are, you don't go to heaven!**

### **Matthew 7:21**

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.

### **Matthew 7:22-23**

22 Many will say to Me in that day, “Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?”

23 And then I will declare to them, “I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!”

### **Luke 6:46**

“But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say?”

**Key words here “Practice these things”** In other words, **you are living in this kind of “Lifestyle,”** not that you failed in one of these areas in your past, and are now living for Jesus.

- **There are all kinds of forgiven** Adulterers, fornicators, Homosexuals and Liars sitting in Jesus church this morning that ARE FORGIVEN.
- **Because they are forgiven**, they are not living in this lifestyle any longer!

1:11 according to **the glorious gospel** of the blessed God which was committed to my trust.

- **We often speak of** the “**Gospel of Jesus**”, Gospel means “Good news”,
- **How many of you** would consider it “Good News” that you have to keep a list of things to do in order to be Righteous, that you are not capable of keeping?”
- **No, the Good news about Jesus** is that **He** perfectly kept the law for you, so that when you give your life to Jesus, He makes you seen as Righteous before God.

1:12 And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry,

- **First thing**, every believer in “In the Ministry”
- **Second thing**, Jesus put you in the ministry, not men or yourself.
- **Third**, whatever the Lord calls you to do, he will enable you to do.

One day Jesus came into the synagogue of Capernaum on the Sabbath day, there was a man there with a withered hand.

They were all looking to Jesus to see what He would do. He said to the man, “**Stand up!**” And the man stood up.

And then Jesus said, “**Is it lawful on the Sabbath day to do good or to do evil? To heal or to kill?**” Turning to the man with the withered hand, He said, “**Stretch forth your hand**”.

Now the man could have said, “**Oh, I would love to! Oh, you don’t know how, I would love to be able to use that hand again. But after my stroke, I just, can’t do it!**”

And he could have sought to reason with Jesus that he just didn’t have the faith to obey His command.

Jesus gave him an impossible command, “**Stretch out your hand**”. **That is impossible Lord, look at me, I am paralyzed**”

Impossible. But yet, THIS MAN WILLED TO OBEY. And **in as much as he willed to obey, the Lord enabled him to do that which was impossible!**

- **Many times** the Lord calls us to do things and we end up telling Him why we can’t do it.
- **We give Him all the excuses** and the reasons why we can’t do it.
- “**I have tried Lord, I just can’t.**” We argue with the Lord, rather than are willing to obey the command.
- **Here, in verse 12, Paul says**, “Jesus enabled me, counting me faithful, He put me in the ministry” that I be an enabling of the Lord.

1:13 although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

- **B. C. “Before Christ**”, what was your life like?

- **Paul says**, “Hey before Jesus came into my life, I Blasphemed God, I persecuted and saw killed, those who loved Jesus.”
- **I was “An Insolent Man”**, “Someone who shows an aggressive lack of respect in speech or behavior”
- **But in spite of this**, the Lord still loved me and “I obtained mercy”, Mercy remember is not getting something that you really deserve. Paul says I really deserved punishment from the Lord, but instead he just poured out His love on me and forgave everything I have ever done”
- **“I did it in Ignorance”**, that place where you do things without really understanding what you are doing” One of the last things Jesus asked the Father was, **“Father forgive them because they don’t understand what they are doing...”**

1:14 And **the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant**, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

1:15 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief**.

1:16 **However, for this reason I obtained mercy**, that **in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life**.

- **Aah! One of my favorite places in the Bible**, where Paul explains just how rotten he was WHEN Jesus found him.
- **Paul tells us here**, “I was the worst sinner that the world has ever known, but you know what, this is one of the reasons that Jesus chose me.”
- **Jesus Chose Paul**, “**The Chief of Sinners**”, so that “**NO ONE WOULD EVER THINK THAT THEY ARE BEYOND THE LORDS FORGIVENESS.**”
- **Paul explains** that if you have ever felt that you have done too many things for the Lord to ever Love you or forgive you, **YOU ARE WRONG!** I was worse than you, and Jesus loved and forgave me!

**That person that you think, “There is no way that Jesus could ever save that person, they are just beyond help” THIS IS THE EXACT ONE THAT JESUS WILL SAVE!**

1:17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

1:18 This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare,

1:19 having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck,

1:20 of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.

**After Paul** has told us about how great the Lord’s love is towards him in forgiving him all, in spite of how bad Paul was, it sort of reminded Paul how great his Salvation was, so he just closes his thought with a little ‘Doxology’

**“Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen”**

In verses 18 and 19, Paul describes how Timothy began his own ministry, the Elders had laid hands on him and prophesied over him, and prayed for his ministry.

- **The Lord enabled Timothy to be a minister, but it appears that by this time Timothy was just sort of resting in his comfort zone** and not continuing to step out in new works of faith.
- **This happens to us, some of us are very comfortable now in our life with the Lord.**
- **Look at us**, we used to meet in a broken down old building with poor heat and air conditioning, hard seats, poor sound system.
- **Today** we are sitting on 4 inch new padded chairs with a wonderful climate control system, Great sound and a comfortable quiet setting.

Even so, some of us in our life right now are just kicking back in the Lord. Perhaps it is time to “Stir up the gift that is in you’ again and begin some new venture of faith with the Lord...?”

19... some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck,  
1:20 of whom are **Hymenaeus and Alexander**, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.

- **Here, Paul exercising his power as an Apostle**, to “Turn someone over to Satan”.
- **Perhaps** for a time of Correction or reproof.
- **Hymenaeus** in Paul’s second letter to Timothy, will describe how Hymenaeus was teaching that the resurrection of believers had already taken place.

**One of the largest Cults churches in existence today teaches this same thing, That the Resurrection has already happened!**

- **The Lord holds very serious** when someone begins to teach in His church, those things that are not found in the Bible.
- **This other guy, Alexander**, he had stood up against Paul and had given Paul a lot of trouble. Paul will mention Alexander also in the second letter and mention the trouble that Alexander gave him.

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