

A RADICAL MAN WITH A RADICAL MESSAGE

1 Timothy 1:12-17

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2. What Christ Did (13b-14)



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...I was shown *mercy* because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The *grace* of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

**LESSON:** We're never so bad that we're beyond the reach of God's grace and we're never so good that we're beyond the need for God's grace.

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II. Christ's Purpose for Coming (15)

# I Timothy 1:15

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: ***Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners*** — of whom I am the worst.

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III. Paul's Pattern for Others (16)

# I Timothy 1:16

But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display His unlimited patience as an *example* for those who would believe on Him and receive eternal life.

**LESSON:** Don't let your past determine  
your future.

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II. Christ's Purpose for Coming (15)

III. Paul's Pattern for Others (16)

IV. Paul's Praise to God (17)



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

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3. Do you view the Christian gospel as a “radical” message? Why or why not?

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