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1 Timothy 1:12-17
**The Salvation of Paul
as Model for Us All**

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Summary

- **False Teachers:** “other doctrine”
- **Paul:** “glorious gospel”

1 Timothy 1:11 according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, with which I have been entrusted.

Paul’s Faithfulness

1 Timothy 1:12

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service...

1 Corinthians 7:25

Now concerning virgins I have no command of the Lord, but I give an opinion as one who by the mercy of the Lord is trustworthy.

Paul Is Established by God’s Grace

1 Timothy 1:13-14

even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor. Yet I was shown mercy because I acted ignorantly in unbelief, 14 and the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are found in Christ Jesus.

Paul as a Paradigm for all Sinners

1 Timothy 1:15-16

It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all. 16 Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life.

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A Doxology to God

1 Timothy 1:17

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

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Applications

1. If God showed mercy to us, we must be those who show mercy to others.
2. We must learn from Paul's example that people can only be saved by God's grace and mercy.

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We Must Show Mercy to Others

Luke 6:36

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Isaiah 42:3

A bruised reed He will not break and a dimly burning wick He will not extinguish; He will faithfully bring forth justice.

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People Can Only Be Saved by Grace

2 Timothy 2:24-25

The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, 25 with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth...

People Can Only be Saved by Grace

John 6:65

And He was saying, "For this reason I have said to you, that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted him from the Father."