I Timothy 1:15-17

**15. This saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”—and I am the worst of them. 16. But I received mercy for this reason, so that in me, the worst of them, Christ Jesus might demonstrate his extraordinary patience as an example to those who would believe in him for eternal life. 17. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The chief of sinners, the foremost of anti-Christianity, the leader of the opposition of Christ are not terms we think of when we look at Paul an His life. When we dive deep into his post salvation life we see anything but this. We see a man who was willing to give up everything for the cross, He was willing to take up the cross and follow Christ down whatever road he was lead.

As Christians if you have never felt that you were at the forefront of sinners then there is something not right. We, as Christians, at times feel what Paul was writing. We all sit here this morning as sinners undeserving of grace, but Christ gave it to us anyway. Jesus Christ saved us despite ourselves and our conditions at the time, and His grace continues to this very day. We all know what Jesus gave up for us, we all know the level of love and compassion He has for us and yet we still sin against a Holy God.

This devotion is not meant to tear people down but it is meant for quite the opposite. We know we all fail Christ daily, we fail him even when we do not realize we are doing it, but God choose us. God did not see something good in us, He saw quite the opposite, but we were chosen anyway. We were made Holy, and are redeemed, and we are righteous in God’s site. That is our new state. We are currently being transformed to look more and more like Christ. That is why each sin feels like the worst sin we could have possibly committed.

In closing remember your standing before Christ, we are redeemed, we are righteous and we are saved. Our jobs is now to spread the Gospel to anyone and everyone we encounter until either Jesus returns or we pass away and open our eyes in heaven. As always continue in your bibles and remember all of us in your prayers.

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