Chief of Sinners – 1 Timothy 1:12-17

vs. 12-14 – Who gave us mercy

1. Jesus Christ appoints us to the ministry

a. Only Christ gives us the gifts to do ministry, we just need to follow His lead

b. He is a rewarder to those who diligently seek Him. - Hebrews 11:6

2. Christ gave us grace and mercy

a. We used to be nothing but sinners, down to the core. It was Christ who freed us of that

b. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11- Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor male prostitutes, nor homosexuals, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 Such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, and you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus by the Spirit of our God.

Vs. 15 – Chief of Sinners

1. Most evil people in History

a. Adolph Hitler (holocaust), Joseph Stalin (mass murderer), Vlad III(Dracula), Pol Pot (genocidal Maniac), Nero (murderer of countless Christians, psychopath), and the worst in my opinion Margaret Sanger (founder of planned parenthood, responsible for over 60,000,000 deaths of babies).

2. Paul was moral, but the chief of sinners?

b. Paul was not an evil man. He used to persecute and murder Christians, but Christ changed him.

c. He said he was the chief because, like us, we know the truth and still sin.

vs. 16-17 – We owe all to Christ

1. Christ shows his patience

a. Jesus had patience with His disciples when He walked the earth, and shows us patience today.

b. If Jesus did what we deserved none of us would make it. - Romans 3:23 “All have sinned and fallen short of the Glory of God”

2. Honor God, and God alone

a. Psalm 86:10 “You alone are God”, Luke 4:8 “Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.’” Isaiah 26:13 “O Lord our God, other masters besides You have ruled us; But through You alone we confess Your name.”