

THE PASTORAL EPISTLES

Hermeneutical rules to remember: This letter isn't from you, and it isn't to you. It is for you. Also, today's theological points are being emphasized to enrich the study, but are not emphasized in their contexts.

I Timothy 1:1-2 – “Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus according to the commandment of God our Savior, and of Christ Jesus, *who is* our hope, to Timothy, *my* true child in *the* faith: Grace, mercy *and* peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.”

- 1:1 The author introduces himself by name. What is it? _____
 The author classifies himself by his ministry office. What is it? _____
 The author identifies his authority to hold this office by referencing two names: God and Lord Jesus Christ.
 * Of God, Paul attaches what descriptive adjective? He is “_____”
 Theological point: He is our justifier. He is our sanctifier. He is our glorifier.
 * Of the Lord Jesus Christ, Paul attaches what descriptive adjective? He is “_____”
 Theological point: He is the basis for our confidence and expectation. This requires a living faith.
- 1:2 The receptor of this letter is identified by name. What is it? _____
 The receptor has some relationship to Paul. What is it? _____

- Paul intends that Timothy would be blessed with three “faith gifts.”
 _____ - What is this?
 _____ - What is this?
 _____ - What is this?
- All three blessings above are sourced from whom?
 _____ our _____
- Theological point: This reference is relationally substantial. God must be trusted as one who provides for every spiritual need.**
 _____ our _____
- Theological point: This reference is relationally substantial. Jesus must be our Master and Chief Director in our lives.**