

The Pastoral Epistles

I Timothy 2:1-7 – “ I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— ²for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. ⁷And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.”

Paul shifts the attention away from the false teachers and apostates to elements of proper worship. First of all, prayer sets the stage. In verse 1, four forms of prayer are mentioned. What are they?

_____ - a heartfelt plea born of a genuine need

_____ - a conversive address from the heart to Almighty God

_____ - a request on another’s behalf

_____ - an expression of gratitude from a sincere heart

These prayers are to be made for two groups. For what two groups are prayers to be made?

All _____ - your neighbor; the average Joe

_____ and all those in _____ - (In our case this would be our president, our congress men and women, governor, state, county, and municipal authorities.)

The purpose of our prayers is “that we may live _____ and _____ lives in all _____ and _____.”

Our praying is good and pleasing to our God. There is a contextual correlation between lives lived in godliness and holiness and the work of bringing people to be _____ and coming to a knowledge of the _____.

*** Theological point – Your knowledge of truth is a high priority to God. Here are a few things we believe about God and truth:**

- 1. He is eager to teach it to you, He doesn't hide it from those who want to know; Psalm 145:18.**
- 2. He is the source of truth because He is truth; John 14:6.**
- 3. He is to be worshipped in truth; John 4:24**

The whole gospel rests on God the Father, and His Son, Jesus Christ. Verse 5 says that Christ is the only “_____ between God and mankind.” What is a mediator?

Verse 6 says that Christ offered himself up as a “_____ for all people.” How does a “ransom” work in this context? (For some help in formulating a better Biblical perspective you might see Mark 10:45 and Titus 2:14.)

*** Theological point – This verse corroborates our defense against “limited atonement.”**

Verse 6 also states that Jesus Christ is a witness who appeared at just the right time in history. What makes this point so ideal in the timeline?

The last verse of this study is a reminder of Paul's role as one who was appointed to be:

- A _____ - one making proclamation
- A _____ - one personally commissioned by Christ
- A _____ - one who educates in pure doctrine