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1. Salutation

- a. **Paul** is writer of letter
- b. **Apostle:** a *delegate*; specifically an *ambassador* of the Gospel; officially a *commissioner* of Christ (“apostle”), - apostle, messenger, he that is sent.
- c. **Commandment:** By the authority of and bearing the authority of the one who sent. Goes along with being an ambassador.

Acts 9.15-16 The Lord told Ananias, "Go! I've chosen this man to bring my name to **nations, to kings**, and to the people of Israel. I'll show him how much he has to suffer for the sake of my name."

- d. **Savior:** right at the beginning Paul makes it clear that he is a believer in Jesus and that Jesus is the Savior. This sets the tone of his letter. Timothy knew this about Paul so this indicates that this letter, while addressed to Timothy, was intended from the beginning to be read in the churches.
- e. **Hope:** confidence. Too many people think of hope as wishing. When used in the New Testament it means that we are looking for something that was promised and will happen. We are just waiting for it, not wishing for it.

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- f. **Timothy** – “Dear to God” Paul is writing to a specific person who is mentioned six times by Luke in the book of Acts.
- g. **Own** – Paul calls Timothy his own son using a word that translates as legitimate or by birth. We can't make too much of this since in Acts 16.1 Luke tells us that Timothy's mother was a Jew and his father was a Greek. Luke calls this unnamed Greek a *Hellen*, which is a word that would be used of a non-Jew. Paul was specifically a Jew so there is no way that Timothy was Paul's fleshly son. It seems that Paul used this term to mean that Timothy was his own convert and that Timothy followed closely to what Paul taught. This is clarified when he adds “in the faith.”
- h. **Grace, mercy and peace** – this is a standard greeting of Paul's, but not one without meaning.

Grace - Protestants usually define grace as "God's unmerited favor towards us in Christ". Though not incorrect, this definition is incomplete, for grace also includes the divine gifts which flow from this favor, such as our new life in Christ, God's indwelling Presence and the ability to bear spiritual fruit. A state of sanctification

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by God; the state of one who is under such divine influence. 2. (Christian theology) the free and unmerited favor or beneficence of God; a virtue coming from God.

Mercy – (compassion this is an *active* word)

- clemency: leniency and compassion shown toward offenders by a person or agency charged with administering justice; "he threw himself on the mercy ..."
- mercifulness: a disposition to be kind and forgiving; "in those days a wife had to depend on the mercifulness of her husband"
- mercifulness: the feeling that motivates compassion
- something for which to be thankful; "it was a mercy we got out alive"
- alleviation of distress; showing great kindness toward the distressed; "distributing food and clothing to the flood victims was an act of mercy"

Peace – absence of war; no hostilities; rest

- i. **From God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord** – God is always the giver of these blessing, even when we bestow them

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as in a benediction. Paul is not giving grace, mercy and peace,
he is asking God to give them.

2. Timothy's task at Ephesus

- a. Suppression of false teachers - 1.3-7
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- b. The purpose of the Law -1.8-11

3. Thanksgiving to God

- a. God's abundant grace – 1.12-14
- b. The worst of sinners – 1.15-17

4. Timothy's responsibility – 1.18-20

5. Worship and conduct

- a. Prayer 2.1-7
- b. Men 2.8
- c. Women 2.9-15
- d. Overseers 3.1-7
- e. Deacons 3.1-7
- f. The mystery of godliness 3.14-16

6. Special instructions to Timothy

- a. False asceticism (rigorous self-denial) – 4.1-5
- b. Superiority of the spiritual – 4.6-10

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c. Pastoral duties – 4.11-16

7. Special groups in the church

a. The older and the younger – 5.1-2

b. Widows – 5.3-16

c. Elders – 5.17-25

d. Slaves – 6.1-2

8. The danger of the love of money – 6.3-10

9. Paul's charge to Timothy – 6.11-16

10. Closing instructions

a. Admonitions to the wealthy – 6.17-19

b. Admonition the Timothy – 6.20-21

c. Farewell 6.21