

1 Timothy 1:4-5

LESSON 04

Fables and Genealogies

1. 1 Timothy 1:3-4 – Doctrine, Fables, and Genealogies

- a. Which doctrine? Paul's "my doctrine" - 2 Tim 2:1-2; 2:7-8; 3:10; Rom 16:25
- b. Paul's doctrine of grace is not the teaching of the law, covenants, Israel, prophecy
- c. If a church does not know or teach Pauline grace doctrine – find a new church
- d. Abandoning the doctrine, people turn to fables (stories)/ religion – 2Ti 4:4
- e. There are Jewish and Gentile fables and genealogies – Titus 1:14, 3:9
- f. Fables – Talmud, legends, Greek myths, conspiracy theories, Enoch, Catholic fantasy
- g. Genealogies – Traditions, Popes, apostolic succession, guilt by association, Mormons, British Israelism, Black Israel, which tribe are you? – Mk 7:5-9
- h. This also includes stories, visions, and accounts that beguile – Col 2:8-9, 18-23

2. 1 Timothy 1:4-5 - Godly Edifying

- a. The commandment = teach only grace/mystery/Pauline doctrine
- b. The result should be = charity which is 1 Cor 8:1, 13:4-7
 - i. Pure heart = your motive and desire is pure, not greedy, corrupt, selfish
 - ii. Good conscience = blameless, without condemnation, righteous
 - iii. Faith unfeigned = sincere, true, not double minded, hypocritical, secret
- c. Law will not let you have these things because of Rom 3:20
- d. Grace purposes in the heart, initiates, and does not require, force, or obligate other
- e. The danger of departing is = shipwreck (1:19), disqualification (3:9), seared (4:2)
- f. Paul wants Timothy to be honest about his will/purpose/faith – Eph 4:22, 1Th 2:3
- g. Approving ministry requires purity, sincerity - 2 Cor 1:12, 6:1-6, 8:8; Eph 6:24
- h. Godly edifying is not fables, genealogies, but neither is it the law