

1 Timothy 1:6-11

LESSON 05

Teachers of the Law

1. 1 Timothy 1:6 – Turning Aside to Vain Jangling

- a. Don't give heed to fables and genealogies – 1 Tim 1:3-4
- b. *“turn aside”* from what? Paul, grace commandment, charity, pure heart...
- c. Swerving teachers are inside the church, they end up in the OT or the NT law
- d. *“this is not a vain thing”* - Deu 32:47 and *“do and teach them”* – Matt 5:19
- e. But now it is *“vain jangling”* - 1 Tim 1:6, and *“doctrines of devils”* - 1 Tim 4:3
- f. What changed? Rom 10:4 = Christ is the end of the law for righteousness.

2. 1 Timothy 1:7 – Desiring to Teach the Law

- a. Why would they desire to teach the law?
 - i. For the goodies: flesh, boasting, gain, rights, status, blessings
 - ii. For the power: judgment, to control, obligate, force, dictate to others
 - iii. How do you deal with sin? Their answer: the law. (The right answer: grace)
 - iv. To live a righteous life: grace for justification, law for sanctification (no!)
 - v. To preach righteousness (the law kind, not by faith kind)
 - vi. The law was never given to motivate or encourage us to do good
 - vii. The law cannot do this → Rom 8:3. It cannot change a person, or their heart
 - viii. It can create hateful double-minded, condemned, hypocrites (not 1Ti 1:5)
- b. What are the consequences of teaching the law:
 - i. See back. Summary – it opposes you in Christ, grace, love, peace, and truth
- c. What Law teaching looks like:
 - i. Moses is pretty clear, but not always: clothes, washings, food, Sabbath, 10c
 - ii. What about Matt-John: Matt 5:18, 19:17, 23:3; John 5:29, 14:21, 15:10
 - iii. Hebrews-Rev – Heb 10:28-29; 1Jo 1:9; 2:3; Jam 2:12, 2:24; Rev 13:12, 22:14
 - iv. Tithing, days, membership, sanctions and sacraments, joint-heir rewards, judgment upon sinners, self-justification, requirement, dependency, priests
 - v. *“you think you can kill somebody and go to heaven”*
 - vi. *“Salvation is free, but it costs you everything”* Lordship salvation, TULIP
 - vii. Vain jangling sounds like the umbrella of the NT, tribulation, Israel, signs of times, God's judgment, fasting, baptisms, etc – Col 2:16-23
- d. Why Paul Tells Timothy
 - i. Law teaching will destroy the church foundation: the Lord Jesus Christ
 - ii. Teaching the law is a denial of the new creature and how it operates
 - iii. The members of the Body live and operate by grace through faith
 - iv. What you live under is what you will mind – Rom 6:16
- e. The law only demands you be loving and righteous, grace motivates you to be
- f. *“understanding [not]...”* grace or the consequences of law, they need to sit down

3. 1 Timothy 1:8-11 – The Purpose of the Law

- a. Paul is saying the law is bad b/c it swerves away from grace/charity – 1 Tim 1:6-7
- b. *“But we know...”* (by faith) the law is good if a man do it – Gal 3:12, 21; Lev 18:5
- c. But the law is bad if they don’t – it is made for the unrighteous – Rom 3:19-20
- d. We are righteous – Rom 4:5, 5:1, 5:17, 6:17-18; Cor 6:11; 2 Cor 5:21

Consequences of Law Teaching

1. It opposes grace working in you: Grace purposes in your heart; the law forces your flesh
2. It robs you of the riches of God’s grace given freely to you
3. It robs you of Christ making him of none effect – Gal 5:4
4. It makes Christ’s death in vain – Gal 2:21
5. It kills – Rom 7:9
6. It condemns – Rom 8:1
7. It destroys
8. It revives sin – Rom 7:9
9. It makes sin abound – Rom 5:20
10. It puts you under the power of sin/death/others to have dominion
11. It focuses on your failure/sin instead of who you are in Christ
12. It feeds the flesh
13. It keeps you in bondage – Gal 5:1
14. It feeds fear – 2 Tim 1:7
15. It worketh wrath – Rom 4:15
16. It brings shame and guilt
17. Thinking you can keep it diminishes sin
18. Thinking you have kept it elevates humanity
19. It diverts attention from the Lord Jesus Christ and his finished work
20. Without faith it breeds hypocrisy
21. It provides a means of boasting
22. It can create secret sinners
23. It allows people to think it is what they do that makes them who they are
24. It affects how people see grace: as cheap, easy, licentious, or low bar-legalism alternative

Purposes of the Law (Dwight Pentecost)

1. To reveal God’s holiness/character
2. To bring the knowledge of sin
3. To reveal the standard of living toward God for Israel
4. To bring us to Christ
5. To create the nation of Israel
6. To sanctify the nation Israel
7. To make provision for those under the law for forgiveness
8. To describe worship for Israel
9. As a test of judgment for entering Israel’s kingdom
10. To reveal Christ (in shadow and types)