



Today's Message

Date: February 18, 2024
Speaker: Pastor Steven Thomas
Title: *The Goal of God's Mercy*

Text: 1 Timothy 1:12–17 (ESV)

¹² I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³ though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Introduction: Verse 17 of 1 Timothy 1 serves as the grand climax to the paragraph we explored last week. The apostle Paul presented himself as a living, breathing, walking example of grace. He was the worst sort of sinner, but Christ transformed him. He did this despite Paul's unworthiness and without imposing any Law-keeping.

- God transforms his people in mercy. 12-14
- God transforms his people through faith in the Gospel of Christ. 15-16

Having finished a very personal testimony of God’s mercy, Paul broke out into jubilant praise. His praise explains the “end,” or “goal” of God’s mercy.

Today’s take-home truth: God transforms his people so that they will worship Him.

I. Because of Christ, God’s people *honor and glorify the King* who:

1. Has no weakness.
2. Has no end.
3. Has no limitations.
4. Has no rivals.

II. Because of Christ, God’s people will honor and glorify the King *forever and ever!*

Have you learned to delight in worshiping this God of mercy and grace?