

I Timothy Sermon #5

I Timothy 1

Last week we saw that the goal and aim of preaching is one word – _____ love

The Pastor's goal in preaching is agape love.

And that came out of three sources: (vs. 5)

A pure _____ heart

A clean _____ conscience

A sincere or unhypocritical _____ faith

I've entitled tonight's message "Using the Bible Correctly"

I Timothy 1:5

Let us stand for the reading of God's Holy Word

The problem faced by Timothy is described in these verses!

I Timothy 1:5-11

Let us pray

You may be seated

Using the Bible Correctly

Now, beginning in vs. 8, Paul enters in on a lengthy conversation of the proper use of the Law

Evidently, the false teachers' specialty was in the Old Testament Law

After Paul condemned the false teachers in vs. 7, he did not want us to get the wrong idea that the Law was condemned, too.

He was not disparaging the Law. . . .

So he comes back to Timothy to show him what the proper use of the Law would look like

Vs. 8 – proper use of the Law

#1 The Law is good when used properly, when applied lawfully

Many say we should not teach and preach at all from the Old Testament

There is a proper use of the Law in the Age of Grace

Improper use – ten gates – Sheep Gate, Horse Gate (war; fight a good fight),

Water Gate (Word of God; wash), Dung Gate (cast our sins; cast off)

First, we need to see that the Law is good: “Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good” (Rom. 7:12).

#2 – the Law is not made for righteous people

That's very important

He makes the point because of two difficulties that still bother us today.

#1 There were some people trying to add law to salvation

In other words, people were saved and the Judiazers said you also need to keep the law – will help make you more righteous

Paul says, no, we don't need that. We are perfectly righteous in Jesus Christ.

Second difficulty – multiplying law to cover every detail of a believer’s life – now, we need a ruling on it

They had to make a judgment on everything and that becomes binding for everyone.

The very nature of law is to have more laws. Why?

Because people find a way around certain laws and the loopholes must be closed – therefore, more laws

If everyone really loved God and really loved his neighbor, it would be like in the Garden of Eden – no laws

Law is established because someone is breaking laws!

Look at the first six listed – vs. 9

Those are all violators of the first part of the Law – Ten Commandments which deal with man’s relationship to God

The purpose of the law is to show people their sin,

Romans 3:20, “For by the law is the knowledge of sin.”

and the need of a Savior

Galatians 3:24, “Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.”

The law is good, but the law alone is not good news.

The law forces man to recognize that all are guilty of violating God’s standards.

Thus the law condemns everyone and sentences them to hell

Vs. 9

Lawless describes those with no commitment to any law – **rebellious**

Ungodly is without regard for anything sacred.

Such people are **sinners** – live without regard for God’s law – no regard for God.

An **unholy** person is indifferent to what is right.

That indifference leads him to be **profane**, to trample on what is sacred.

Now, If we will look at the next ones on the list, the second half of the list starting in
vs. 9e-10

All those things are violations of the second table of the Law

What this is saying is this

There is a proper preaching of the Law when there is a direct violation of law going on in
people's lives

Yes, it is correct to preach that moral law and any other part of the Old Testament

Look at the end of vs. 10-11a

Why does Paul say healthy teaching according to the Gospel?

There are some things that are proper under the Old Testament economy that are not
proper under the New Testament economy of preaching the Gospel.

Healthy teaching according to the standard of the Gospel

The Gospel in all of its ramifications – this New Testament Gospel era

They were teaching out of the Old Testament but it was not healthy teaching according
to the Gospel

Let me give you an illustration of this:

Acts 10 – Peter – rooftop – Joppa

Peter saw a vision – all kinds of unclean animals

The Lord said to Peter, "Peter, rise up and eat."

Peter said, "No, Lord, I am not going to eat that which is unclean."

And the Lord said, "That which I have cleansed, don't you call unclean."

Do you know what was happening?

Those dietary laws in Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14 were being set aside for the
Gospel era

In the Old Testament era, they were proper, but in the New Testament era, they are not proper

Now, those things are not healthy teaching according to the Gospel

Do you see the point?

As Bible teachers, there are certain things in that Law that are not according to the Gospel

There are other things back there that are no longer healthy teaching

Why? Because we are in a new era

And when a teacher/preacher goes back into the Old Testament and picks out things that are not compatible with the Gospel era, that ceases to be healthy doctrine for the Church.

It does not promote health, but disease.

In this passage – Paul is really answering three errors about the preaching of the Law

#1 error is that multiplying laws to regulate every area of life

More laws to regulate every area of a believer's life – that's still going on today

God does not have to spell out every little thing for us

Second mistake – pulling out parts of the Law that are not appropriate for the Gospel age

That's mistake #2

Third mistake – the other error is believing that no part of the Law is applicable to God's people today.

Folks, this is a fine line

We can error on either side.

Vs. 11

The glory of the Gospel is that God found a way that He might be just *and* the justifier of him that believeth in Jesus. . . .

“Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man [that is, the Lord Jesus] is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses” (Acts 13:38-39).

Why could they not be justified by the law of Moses? . . . the Law condemned them.

The Law wasn't given to save us, but to reveal that God is holy and that you and I are not holy.

The way that God found to save us is the way of the Cross, the way of the Lord Jesus.

“I am the way,” . . . The Law is not the way to God; *Christ* is the way.

Using the Bible correctly

Let us stand for closing invitation