

# **SERMON OUTLINE**

## **FIRST TIMOTHY**

### **'Faith and Order in the Church of God' - 1**

#### **1st Timothy 1 v1 - 11**

#### **'Timothy: the man and his ministry'**

#### **1. TIMOTHY - THE MAN**

What do we know about Timothy? What about his background? See Acts 16 v1 & 2 Tim 1 v5 - He came from Lystra, had a Christian upbringing, and was converted through the ministry of Paul. See v2a - Paul was his spiritual father in the faith.

What was he like?

#### **(i) He was comparatively young**

4 v12

#### **(ii) He was temperamentally shy**

1 Cor 16 v10

#### **(iii) He was physically frail**

5 v23

What did Paul think of this young, shy, physically frail man? See Phil 2 v19 - 22. Key Point - Timothy was spiritually strong. See 2 Tim 2 v1.

*'Strong in the strength with God supplies  
through his eternal Son'*

*Charles Wesley*

#### **2. TIMOTHY - HIS MINISTRY**

For the background to this letter see Acts 20 v28 - 30. This was already happening. These men were strong willed, plausible, articulate and persuasive - so much so that Timothy was wanting to be moved on from Ephesus. Paul says - 'Stay there!' See v3.

In staying in Ephesus what was Timothy's ministry to be? Key Verses - 3 v14 - 15. This letter is all about how the church is to be administered and pastored. Note how the church is described here, as - "the pillar and foundation of the truth". We need to remember the days in which the church was set. Like today people (not least in the church) were prepared to give plausibility to anything and certainty to nothing! Therefore - what are we to believe and how are we to behave? This is why we need the church because governed by the truth and pastored by the truth it's the church that has the answer to these most important questions. This is why it was such a serious thing that that truth of God (God's word) was under such attack. See v3.

Paul has 3 things to say about the truth of God's word.....

### **A. WE ARE TO MAKE IT KNOWN**

2 v5 - 7a

### **B. WE ARE TO KEEP IT SAFE**

6 v20a

### **C. WE ARE TO PASS IT ON**

2 Tim 2 v2

What are we told about these men who were teaching these false doctrines?

#### **1. WHAT THEY WERE TEACHING**

V3 - 4a. In other words - anything that fascinated and excited!

#### **2. WHAT THEY WERE PROMOTING**

V4b - 6. Controversy - and not reaching out in love and building up in love.

#### **3. WHAT THEY WERE WANTING**

V7. "They want to be" - lit - 'ambitiously striving for something'. They were in it for the personal honour and glory.

#### **4. WHAT THEY WERE IGNORING**

V8 - 10. They were ignoring the proper use of God's law which is so to preach it that sinners will come to see their need of the glorious gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.