

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

I Timothy 1:12-20

Thankful & Trustworthy

Vs. 12, Thank Christ Jesus for every good thing

Doing our work in our own strength will overwhelm and deplete us

He **calls, commissions and empowers** us with **grace, mercy and peace** to do His **Work** as He does it – **John 20:21 & I John 4:17a**

Born Again from untrustworthy to a completely **new person in Christ!**

Vs. 13, Changed by receiving Christ!

In Christ, with Christ **my past does not define me!**

Jesus sees my future in light of **who He is in me...**

Not who I was without Him...

In light of what **He is doing** now, and **will do** as we go forward together.

He did not want to give me the judgement I deserved

Because I was entangled in the deception of lies

Belief and unbelief cannot coexist!

One **must be exchanged** for the other.

Vs. 14, “He generously filled me with faith and love”

CVG3 (4/16) – He finds our lowest point and fills us there

He changes us from the inside out

(Vs. 1:5) – Paul now works to give **what Christ gave him**

We **CAN** give what we **DO** have

What we got from God, **we now give generously...**

Without judgement, **just as God does in Christ.**

Vs. 15, Christ came to save sinners, and **He still does.**

Then, as Jesus of Nazareth. **Now as His Body, the Church.**

Sinners are the most qualified to receive Christ Jesus!

He came **to embrace** those separated from God...

And **empower us** to do the same thing, just as He did.

John 15:4-5

There are no sinners worse than me!

If we're going to judge sin, **start with our own.**

Our sin caused His suffering and led others astray

Give His forgiveness **as freely as we receive it**

Let Him judge others, and **respond to their sin like He did to ours.**

Vs. 16, He plans to use us as an example of His love

Then others can believe they qualify to receive eternal life too.

Vs. 17, All of this brings God greater glory!

He is the **ONLY One** who deserves it.

Vs. 18, Don't choose your own battles

Don't fight battles **He doesn't send you to**

And don't fight them by being **unlike Him**

John 5:19 & 20:21

Vs. 19, He HAS redeemed you and will never **reject you** (Peter)

If **you have separated** from Him, He wants to restore you

He already paid for you in full

If others challenge your faith, **believe Him instead...** no matter the cost

When we compromise to accommodate others:

- a) Our spiritual hearing grows dull
- b) Measures needed for conviction become drastic

Violating His truth **requires repentance** to keep faith alive

Sailing without Divine GPS puts us in great risk

Vs. 20, Turning from God's ways makes us fair game for the enemy

Refusing to learn from God may bring cruel lessons from the evil one

Sin and righteousness **have consequences**

Hopefully, the hard lessons of sin lead us to trust God

So, **thank God** for His loving grace, mercy and peace...

And live as He has lived for you.