

Pattern for Those who Will Believe on Him for Everlasting Life

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INTRODUCTION

EXPOSITION

(1:12–13a) Paul thanks Christ for enabling him by putting him into ministry—because He considered Paul faithful—though he had been a blasphemous & insolent persecutor

Paul was sent

Timothy was sent

(1:13b–14) Christ was merciful to Paul, because he had persecuted in ignorant unbelief and Christ was abundantly gracious to Paul when he believed in Christ and when he loved Him

(1:15) The fact that Christ came to save sinners (even to save Paul, the chief of all sinners) is an accurate [statement of God's truth] and worthy of belief

(1:16) The reason Christ showed mercy to Paul first (the chief of sinners) is that Christ's longsuffering patience with Paul is a pattern for [His longsuffering patience] to all who will believe in Christ for everlasting life

(1:17) Paul ascribes honor and glory to the immortal, invisible, and eternal King and only wise God

(1:18–19) Paul commands Timothy in accordance with prior prophecies about him that he (through faith and a good conscience) conduct himself well in battle, unlike others whose faith (because they rejected these truths) has suffered shipwreck

(1:20) Hymenaeus and Alexander are two such examples, who Paul delivered to Satan to teach them not to blaspheme

CONCLUSION