The Gospel In One Sentence

Tony Mauck · 2 Timothy 1:1–14

INTRODUCTION

- I am here to fan the flame of your devotion to the Lord.
- I think all of us who have been Christians for any period of time realize that our zeal and enthusiasm isn't always as vibrant and strong as it is at other times.
- We think that we're actually getting more, but really what we're doing is we're settling for less.

1 Two Great Soldiers of the Cross

Acts 16; 2 Timothy 3

- I'm here to talk to you this morning about two even greater figures in history, though you won't talk about them in your history class at school.
- How heaven observes history is the most important history of all.
- He has received his faith through the passing on of faith from a grandmother, Lois, and his mother Eunice, from a child.
- Paul was unmarried, but he adopted Timothy as a son.
- I think it's important to see these two men as men of history, a father and a son, as they're having this final communication.

2 Marvel at God's Plan and His Working Throughout History

2 Timothy 1:8–10; Romans 8:28; Genesis 3

- Verses 8 through 10 represent in one sentence what the gospel is all about.
- God who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity.
- But now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.
- Only God could remedy the plight of man.
- There's nothing in us that earns or merits what God has done. But God loved us to such a great extent that he wanted to reclaim us.
- These things are rooted in history. They are not the figment of anyone's overactive imagination.

3 Be Astonished at His Offer of Salvation

2 Timothy 1:12

- We should be astonished at his offer of salvation and the hope of immortality.
- God is so good and I am so flawed. He did, he fixed what I could not.
- Only the innocent sacrifice of Jesus was enough. We're completely dependent upon that.
- We lose our fire, we lose our zeal because we forget.

- For I know whom I have believed. And I am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.

4 Faith and Love Are the Fitting and Logical Response

2 Timothy 1:13; 2 Corinthians 12:14–15

- Retain the standard of sound words, which you have heard from me in the faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.
- That is my trust and my confidence that Jesus is the reigning king and the New Testament is his covenant, his will for me to follow.
- That love is not a warm feeling or affinity. But God's love seeks the interests of his object.
- I will most gladly spend and be expended for your souls.
- I don't want something from you. I want something for you.

THE CHALLENGE

Will you embrace the salvation that comes from the Rock of Ages?

MY NOTES