

Meet the People

1 Timothy 1.1-2

1. Who From? – Paul (v1)

- *an apostle - God's official envoy by divine order*
- *writing with the authority of God*
- *three positions re authority*
 - traditionalists - past practices*
 - rationalists - human reason*
 - Bible-based and Bible-shaped*
 - God's Word - our supreme authority for all beliefs and behaviour patterns*
 - unchanging principles*
 - applied appropriately*

2. Who To? – Timothy (v2)

- *brought to a living faith in Jesus Christ by Paul Acts 16.1; 2 Tim 1.5*

our faith must become personal to us

- ***his faith blossomed***
under Paul's guidance
like father, like son
2 Tim 3.10-14; 1 Cor 4.17
2 Tim 2.1; 1 Cor 16.10
timid, weak, easily discouraged
5.23; 2 Tim 1.4;
but "no one like him!" Phil 3.20
- ***trained to serve God by Paul***
Acts 16.3; Phil 3.22; 2 Tim 3.10-14
importance of mentoring 2 Tim 2.2

3. God Our Saviour, Jesus Our Hope

- ***mercy: spared judgement vs 2, 13, 16***
2.3-6; 4.9-10
- ***grace: lavish blessings v14***
- ***peace: with God Rom 5.1***
with ourselves Phil 4.6-7
and our circumstances
- ***hope: strength now, glory to come***