

God's Passion and Provision

1 Timothy 2.4-7

“all” - six times in six verses!

1. God's Burning Passion, v3-5

- **its scope: the whole of humanity v4**
2 Pet 3.9
 - **no restrictions John 6.37**
Luke 15.4-7; Rom 10.12-13;
Acts 10.34-35
- **its focus: saving people v4**
 - **from hell, destruction**
 - **for heaven, eternal life Eph 1.11****without salvation, all would be lost**
Eph 2.3; John 3.18,36
- **its goal:**
 - **we need to know the truth v4**
there is only One God
there is only one mediator

- *a mediator is needed*
- *Jesus is uniquely qualified
as the only God-man 1.15
John 14.6*
- *God wants us to know Jesus
the truth about God John 14.9
... about life John 8.28; 17.4
... about eternity
John 11.25-26; 17.24
... about everything Col 2.23
John 10.10;17.3*

2. God's Brave Provision, v6

- *what Jesus did John 10.11,18*
- *gave himself in self-sacrifice
as the ransom price for our liberty
Ex 21.28-30; Rom 6.23
Ps 49.7-9,15; Is 53.12
only God could redeem us
Ps 22.1; 1 Pet 2.24
by dying in our place Mk 10.45
and on our behalf Luke 23.39*

- **who it is for - everyone!**
- **what freedoms the ransom secured from all our sins Eph 1.17**
 - ... wickedness Tit 2.14**
 - ... law's condemnation Gal 3.13**
 - ... self-commendation Gal 4.4-7**
 - ... fear of death Heb 2.14-15**
 - ... aimless drifting 1 pet 1.18**

3. This is Good News for All! vs6-7

- **God's testimony to humanity**
Rom 5.8
proclaim it
with authority
and understanding
- embrace it for yourself!