

# The Goal of Christian Ministry

Grace Bible Chapel

Study of 1 Timothy 1:1-5

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**Context:** Paul as God's apostle gives specific instruction to Timothy and by extension to us on how God's local churches are to function. This information is not just for Pastor's or Elder's but for all of God's own to seek for, pray for, and encourage church activities that are in conformity with God's work of transforming hearts. In this opening letter, He immediately addresses false teaching and teachers. Paul defines what is pleasing and necessary before God for His church. A clear line is drawn between religion and that which results in true faith from a transformed heart. This initial lesson sets the standard for the remaining instruction by Paul for Christ's own church.

## Outline of 1st John (underlined portion is the immediate context)

- I. Introduction (1:1-2):
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  - B. Instruction recipient (1:2)
- II. Charge to Maintain Truth (1:3-11)
  - A. Conscientious oversight (1:3)
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### Key Words

- Faith (3)
- administration
- attention
- doctrines
- heart

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Closing: