

Truth Trumps Relationship, and other greetings

The final GREETING of Paul. 2 Timothy 1:1-2 Chris Mueller 7-1-2018

Introduction:

Tacitus "But all human efforts, all the lavish gifts of the emperor and the propitiations of the gods did not banish the sinister belief that the conflagration was **the result of an order by Nero**. Consequently, to get rid of the report, Nero fastened the guilt and inflicted the most tortures on a class hated for their abominations, called Christians by the populace."

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the promise of life in Christ Jesus, 2 To Timothy, my beloved son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

#1 _____: The Final Greeting of the **SENDER**: Paul

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1st **WHAT** IS AN APOSTLE?

Matthew 10:1 Jesus summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness. 2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these:

we command you 2 Thessalonians 3:6
with a rod 1 Corinthians 4:21

Acts 2:42-43 continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching...and everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.

Acts 5:12 at the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were taking place among the people.

Hebrews 2:3-4 How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? After it was at the first spoken through the Lord, it was confirmed by those who heard 4 God also bearing witness with them both by signs and wonders and by various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit according to His own will.

2nd **WHEN** IS AN APOSTLE?

Ephesians 2:20 The church is built upon the foundation of the Apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone.

3rd **WHY** IS AN APOSTLE?

John 16:12 I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

2 Peter 3:2 remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles.

#2 _____: The Final Greeting to the **SENDEE**: Timothy

2a To Timothy, my beloved son

my own son in the faith **1 Timothy 1:1**
like a child serving his father **Philippians 2:22**

#3 _____: The Final Greeting **SOURCED** in Christ Jesus

2b Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord

A. Embrace the importance of spiritual _____

B. Possess the commitment of truth over _____

C. Pursue the necessity of intimacy with _____; His truth, love and gospel

QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH IN CHRIST

1. How is an apostle different from a disciple?
2. How does an incorrect view of an apostle affect other doctrines, even contribute to controversies today?
3. Why are Christians to love each other like family?
4. Why is it important that you have mentors and mentor others?
5. Why did God leave us here on earth in order to share the gospel?
6. What steps do you need to take in order to share the gospel more aggressively?
7. How does truth trump relationships, and how should that be seen in your life?

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