



## Introduction

*Timothy is warned of problems to come and encouraged to hold to the faith.*



## Questions

1. What does Paul urge Timothy to stay in Ephesus and do?
2. Why did Paul receive mercy although he had been a blasphemer?
3. What does Paul say is a faithful saying and to be accepted?



## Summary Points

- **v 1 to 3** Paul writes to Timothy, his young helper
- **v 4 to 7** Paul urges Timothy to stay at Ephesus and deal with those who are teaching false doctrine instead of helping the believers
- **v 8 to 11** The law is not for those who do right, but for those who need to change in response to the Good News taught by Paul
- **v 12 to 16** Paul confesses that he was the worst of sinners. However he is thankful for salvation through Jesus Christ
- **v 17 to 20** Paul instructs Timothy to remain faithful and contrasts him with those who haven't kept their faith (see theme)

**Timeline** 60 AD (see below)



## Theme

### God's message will be corrupted

*A selection of verses showing that the apostles warn that people will turn away from the true Bible message.*

The apostle Paul tells the believers at Ephesus and Colossae to resist deceptive ideas:

*Ephesians 5 verse 6*

*Colossians 2 verse 4*

*Colossians 2 verse 8*

The apostle Paul gives several warnings that believers will encounter wrong ideas:

*1 Timothy 4 verses 1 - 2*

*2 Timothy 4 verses 3 - 4*

The apostle John tells the believers to test the spirits (ideas) they come across:

*1 John 4 verse 1*



## Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 3 and 4, Q 2: v 13, Q 3: v 15



# Bible timeline

