

Parson to Person

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“O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust...” (1 Timothy 6:20 NKJV)

Having once been a fierce enemy of the cross, Saul (whose name was later changed to Paul) met Jesus on the road to Damascus, and it changed his life forever. Saul experienced firsthand the riches of God’s amazing grace, and he became passionate about the clarity, accuracy, and urgency of the Gospel message. Indeed, the very first letter Paul wrote in Scripture begins with his strong condemnation of anyone who preaches a false gospel. Let them be “anathema,” he proclaimed.

Throughout his ministry and biblical writing, Paul affirmed the importance of getting the Gospel right. In one of his last letters, written to Timothy, he challenged his young son in the faith to guard what had been committed to his trust—namely the Gospel! Are we heeding that challenge today? I wonder, after 2,000 years, are we still guarding the clarity, accuracy, and urgency of the Gospel?

Satan seeks to blind men’s hearts to the truth of the Gospel (2 Cor. 4:4), and sadly many have fallen prey to his deceptive schemes. Even within the church, many people are promoting false Gospel messages—some wittingly, others unwittingly. In these great last days of deception, we must not only know what the Gospel is, but it also has become necessary to point out what the Gospel is not. Nothing matters more than the Gospel! Are you guarding what has been committed to your trust?