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**What this message is about:**

Having mentioned the gospel, Paul is overcome with thanksgiving and praise that God would be so merciful and gracious to not only save him, but to give Paul the strength to serve Jesus by being entrusted with the gospel.

**Purpose of this message:**

To stir us up to an uninhibited expression of thanks and praise to our gracious and merciful Father.

- 1. Thank God for \_\_\_\_\_ grace.**  
1Tim. 1:12-14  
Acts 9:1-2
- 2. Thank God for the \_\_\_\_\_ of grace.**  
1Tim. 1:15-16  
Eph. 2:1-10
- 3. Response to grace: \_\_\_\_\_ of praise!**  
1Tim. 1:17

**Next Step:**

Tomorrow morning, take time to read through 1Tim. 1:12-17. Think of where your life would be apart from God's grace. How would it be different? Then spend five minutes in prayer praising him for his grace. How will this change the rest of your day?

## Discussion Questions

- 1. Read 1Tim. 1:12-17. Then read Eph. 1:1-10. Where does God stop you? Share other thoughts on how these passages relate.**
- 2. What were the results of God's grace in Paul's life (verse 14)? Compare this with verses 12-13. Discuss the differences.**
- 3. Read Acts 26:1-29. What do you think was the most shocking statement that Paul heard when he was stopped by God on his journey to Damascus? What was Jesus' purpose for showing grace to Paul? (vv. 16-18) What does this tell us about God's purposes for grace now?**
- 4. What are the only two logical responses to God's grace? (Acts 26:19, 1Tim. 1:17). Describe a time when you were overcome with God's grace. How did you express your praise?**
- 5. Who in your life right now might God be using you to "open their eyes and turn from darkness to light?" What is your next step?**