

Glorious Gracious Gospel Conversion

Ministry in God's Church — Pillar and Support of the Truth (Part #9)

1 Timothy 1:12-17

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¹² Gratitude¹ have I to Him who empowered me, Christ Jesus our Lord, because He considered me faithful, putting <i>me</i> into service — ¹³ though formerly being a blasphemer and a persecutor and an abusive <i>person</i>! But <i>indeed</i> I was shown mercy, because I acted² unknowingly, in unbelief; ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed,³ <i>along</i> with faith and love which <i>are</i> in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Faithful is the word, and of all acceptance worthy: that Christ	Jesus came into the world, sinners to save — of whom foremost⁴ am I <i>myself</i>. ¹⁶ But <i>indeed</i> for this <i>reason</i> I was shown mercy: in order that in me <i>as</i> foremost⁴ Christ Jesus might display the utmost long-suffering, for a prototype for those who are going to believe on Him unto life eternal.⁵ ¹⁷ Now, to the King of the ages — incorruptible, invisible, the only God — <i>be</i> honor and glory unto the ages of the ages.⁶ Amen!
(1 Timothy 1:12-17 Pastor Phillips' ad hoc translation of the Greek text)	

Introduction:

I. _____ for Christ's Grace (v. 12)

A. _____

1. Backward:

2. Forward:

B. _____

¹ Literally *grace*

² Or *did* it

³ Literally *super-increased*

⁴ Literally *first*

⁵ Gk *aiōnion*; see note next v

⁶ The noun translated *ages* [*aiōn*] three times is related to the adjective that ends v. 16, translated *eternal* [*aiōnion*].

II. _____ by Christ's Grace (vv. 13-14)

A. Appalling _____ (v. 13)

B. _____ Conversion (v. 14)

III. _____ of Christ's Grace (vv. 15-16)

A. Best _____ for the _____ (v. 15)

B. Best _____ for Future _____ (v. 16)

C. Highest _____ for Eternal God (v. 17)