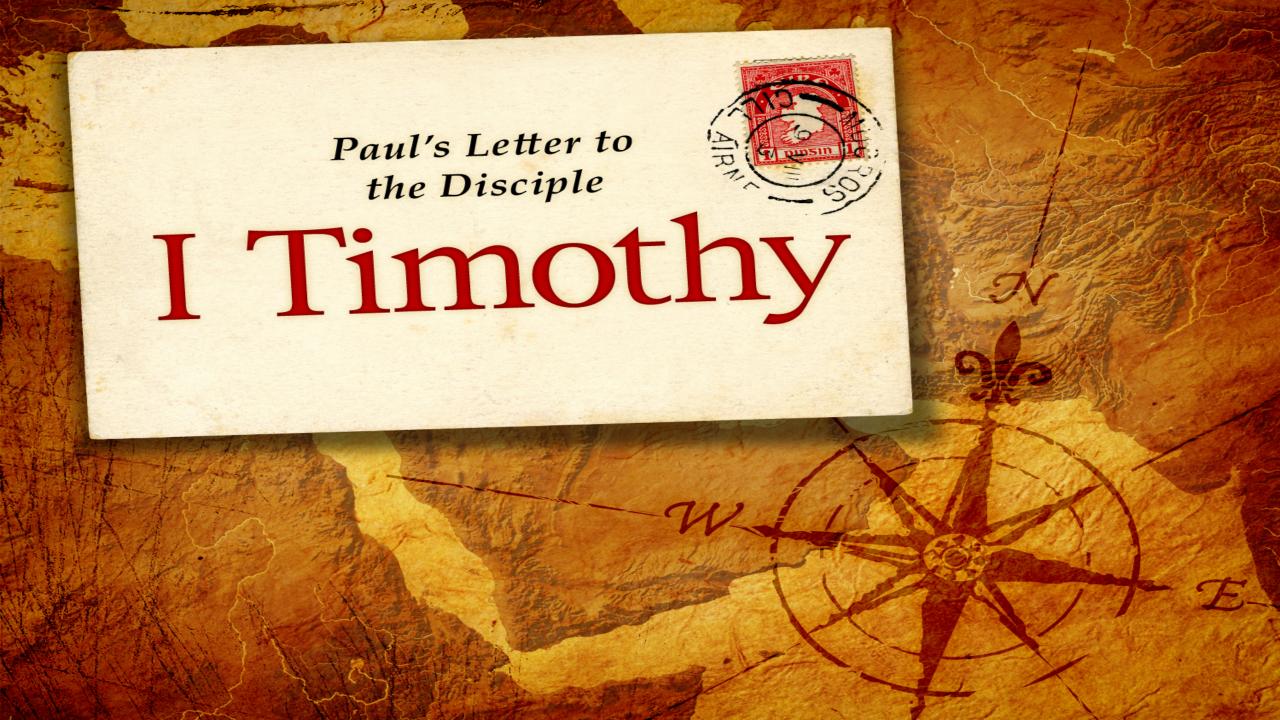
## What do you think?

- •What kinds of things do people look for in a church?
- •What kinds of things does God look for in a church?



1 Tim. 1:1-2

- 1. From Paul
- 2. To Timothy
- 3. In Ephesus



- Special Calling
  - •An apostle: sent one, emissary
    - Originally the twelve (Matt. 20:17;
      26:14, 20, 47; Mark 13:13-19)
    - •Later, the eleven (Matt. 28:16; Mark 16:14; Luke 24:9, 33; Acts 1:26)
      - Matthias replaced Judas (Acts 1:26)

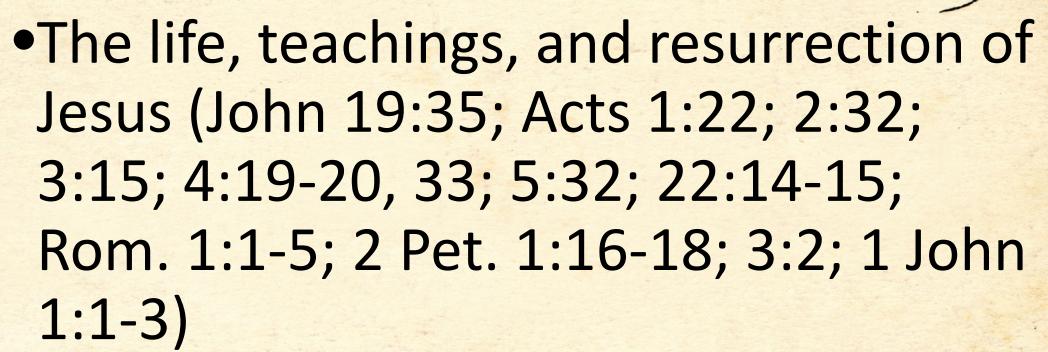
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      - •See Rom. 1:1-6; Gal. 1:1; Titus 1:1-3

- Special Calling
  - •An apostle: sent one, emissary
    - Paul commissioned later (Acts 9:1-19; 22:3-21)
      - •According to the command of God and of Christ Jesus (1 Tim. 1:1)
    - •Just like the original eleven

- Special Gifting
  - Apostleship was a spiritual gift (1 Cor. 12:28; Eph. 4:7-11)
  - •By the grace given (Rom. 1:5; 12:3, 6; 15:15; 1 Cor. 3:10; Gal. 2:9; Eph. 3:2-13; 4:7; et al)

- Special Confirmation
  - •See Rev. 2:2
  - The signs of a true apostle (2 Cor. 12:12; cf. Rev. 2:2)
  - •Signs, wonders, miracles (Acts 2:42; 5:12; 19:11-12; Heb. 2:3-4)

- Special Function
  - Eye-witnesses



- Special Function
  - Missionaries
    - •They took the gospel to the unbelieving world (Acts 1:8; Rom. 15:18-20)
  - Master Builders
    - •Laid the doctrinal foundation for the church (Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 3:10-15; Eph. 2:20; 3:3-5; 2 Pet. 3:2; cf. Gal. 1:6-12)

- His Background
  - •Timotheus = honored by God
  - •From Derbe (SE Turkey) (Acts 16:1)
    - •Frontier city on a major trade route
  - •Jewish mother (*Eunice*) and grandmother (*Lois*), Greek father (Acts 16:1; 2 Tim. 1:5)
    - •Well-versed in the OT (2 Tim. 3:14-15)

- His Background
  - Most likely converted by Paul as a teen (Acts 14:6-7; 20-21)
    - My true child/son in the faith (1 Tim. 1:2; cf. 1 Cor. 4:14-17; Phil 2:22)
  - •Later commended to Paul by the brethren (Acts 16:2)

- His Character / personality
  - •Kindred spirit with Paul (Phil. 2:20)
  - •Tender / compassionate (Phil. 2:20-21)
  - Apparently somewhat timid (1 Cor. 16:10-11; 1 Tim. 4:12; 2 Tim. 1:6-7)

- His Ministry
  - •Ministered to Paul (Acts 19:22)
  - •Advance team (Acts 19:21; 20:4-5)
  - •Messenger / Reminder / Encourager (1 Cor. 4:17; Phil. 2:19; 1 Thess. 3:1-10)
  - •Cleanup crew (Acts 17:14; cf. 1 Tim.; 2 Tim.)

- His Ministry
  - •Bond-servant of Christ (Phil. 1:1)
  - Fellow worker (Rom. 16:21; 1 Thess. 3:2; cf. 2 Cor. 1:19)
  - •Genuine concern (Phil. 2:20)
  - •Proven worth (Phil. 2:22)
  - •Doing the Lord's work (1 Cor. 16:10)

- Location
  - Asia Minor (SW Turkey)
  - On the Mediterranean coast
    - Great climate
    - On the Cayster River; many roads
    - Major sea port / trade city
      - Most important in Roman Asia





- Background
  - •Started by the Amazons?
  - Captured by Androclus (c. 1044 BC) and made a Greek city
    - •Ephesus = desirable
  - Changed owners many times
  - Became Roman in 133 BC

- Special Features
  - Temple of Artemis (Diana)
    - One of the Seven Wonders
    - Used as a bank (very secure)
    - Brought great profit (see Acts 19:23-27)
  - Amphitheater 25,000 seats (see Acts 19:29)





- Spiritual climate (Acts 19)
  - Jewish synagogue
  - Worship of Artemis (Diana)
  - Magic (black arts, rituals, incantations)
  - Demonic activity



### Timeline (approx.)

- •AD 50 2nd Journey (Acts 18:19-21
  - •reasoned with the Jews (18:19)
- •AD 52 3rd Journey (Acts 19:1-20:1)
  - There three years (20:31)
  - Declaring and admonishing (20:20, 31)
- AD 55 Paul met Ephesian elders in Miletus (Acts 20:17-38)
  - •Warning about false teachers! (20:25-35)

# Timeline (approx.)

- AD 60 Paul wrote Ephesians
  - •Truth, false doctrine, right conduct (Eph. 4:11-24)
- AD 62 Paul wrote 1 Timothy
  - False teachers & doctrine (1 Tim. 1:3-4)
- •AD 63 Paul wrote 2 Timothy
  - •Hold to sound teaching; All Scripture...; Preach the word! (2 Tim. 3:10-4:5)

Timeline (approx.)

- •AD 95 John retired in Ephesus?
  - •According to Irenaeus & Eusebius
  - •Wrote all five books there?
  - False apostles, right conduct (Rev. 2:1-7)
  - •Died there (c. AD 98)

- Why did Paul write 1 Timothy?
  - To encourage/exhort Timothy
  - To remind the church of Timothy's apostolic backing/authority
  - To reiterate truth and sound doctrine
  - To encourage right behavior based on truth and sound doctrine

- •1 Tim. 3:14-15
  - "I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God"
    - •Public worship, men, women, widows, elders, deacons, slaves, the rich
    - Truth & doctrine -> conduct

What kinds of things does *God* look for in a church?

According to 1 Timothy:

Love

Care

Concern

Truth

Sound Doctrine

Godly Conduct

Prayer

#### So What?

- •God has expectations:
  - •For the Church
  - •For the members of the church
- God expects us to know and act on what is true
  - •Show yourself an example (4:12)
  - Reading, exhortation, teaching (4:13)