

Unshakable Hope

- Starts
Monday, 1/13,
630pm
- Reading book,
workbook, and
video
- Both books
\$20

New Year's ReVolution

- Will you grow in **GRACE**?
- Or groan in **Disgrace**?
- A new year to grow in active faith!
- ¹⁸ *but grow in the **grace** and **knowledge** of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*
- *To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.*
 - 2 Peter 3:18 (NKJV)

New Series: 1 Timothy: Stay the Course!

- ◉ Written by Paul to Timothy
- ◉ Paul is helping Timothy to:
- ◉ **Stay on track**
- ◉ **Grow in his faith**
- ◉ **Strengthen the church in Ephesus**
- ◉ "**Stay the course**" is a **phrase** used in the context of a war or battle meaning to pursue a goal regardless of any *obstacles or criticism.*

1 Timothy 1, NIV:

Lesson 1: What We Really Need!

- **Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope,**
- **² To Timothy my true son in the faith:**
- **Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.**

- ③ **3 As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain people not to teach false doctrines any longer ⁴ or to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. Such things promote controversial speculations rather than advancing God's work—which is by faith.**

- ⑤ **⁵ The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. ⁶ Some have departed from these and have turned to meaningless talk. ⁷ They want to be teachers of the law, but they do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm.**

1. Got Hope?

- Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope,
- What, whom, or where is your hope?

2. The Big 3:

- ① **2 To Timothy my true son in the faith:**
- ② **Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.**
- ③ Timothy needed these 3 –
- ④ Don't you?
- ⑤ Know anyone else who does?

GRACE:

- ⦿ “Grace is what God does for us who are so undeserving; we are not entitled to His forgiving love and His incredible kindness, nor can we earn His favor – it is unmerited, and we could never repay Him for the honor of being accepted by Him.

MERCY:

- Mercy – The best definition I've heard for 'mercy' is this:
- “God's ministry to the *miserable*”

PEACE:

- ◎ The gift of 'peace' is the experience of an inner calm, an unshakable tranquility that settles in at the core of a person's life, even though things all around may be wild and woolly. There is a peace only the Christian can know – because it is based on peace with God
 - *The Living Insights Study Bible*, Charles R. Swindoll, intro to 1 Timothy

3. Prob: False Teachers

- [who] devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies.
- Such things promote controversial speculations rather than advancing God's work— which is by faith.
- have turned to meaningless talk.
- but they do not know what they are talking about

4. The Major point: LOVE!

- ◎ ⁵ The goal of this command is
- ◎ **love**, which comes from
 1. a pure heart and
 2. a good conscience and
 3. a sincere faith.

As we start this new year:

- ◎ Our current needs are a lot like last year's and probably next year's!
- ◎ God knows we always need:
 1. Hope
 2. Grace
 3. Mercy
 4. Peace
 5. Love!
 6. And sound Bible teaching!