

## Lives Under Construction – Jesus Our Hope

1Timothy 1:1, 2

**Apostle** – to be \_\_\_\_\_ out

**of Christ Jesus** – not sent in his own power or for anyone else. He had \_\_\_\_\_ reason he was sent

**by command** – epitage (Greek)

*- injunctions and obligations which some inviolable law lays on a man; for the royal command which comes to a man from the king' and above all for the instructions which come to a man either directly or by some oracle from God. – Barclay, Daily Study Bible*

- This is a \_\_\_\_\_ calling
- Will change our life and the way we live
- Couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ the calling

**To Timothy** – an example to us of \_\_\_\_\_ Christian living

**grace** – charm or elegance; given not \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_; universally used throughout scripture

**mercy** – \_\_\_\_\_ help in time of need

- Didn't usually use mercy in his greetings
- Knew that Timothy would need that "active help from God"

**peace** – not an \_\_\_\_\_ of trouble but a form of \_\_\_\_\_

**from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord**

- This is what makes all of what Timothy needs to do \_\_\_\_\_
- This is what makes our \_\_\_\_\_ possible

**God the Father**

- \_\_\_\_\_ in verse 1
- OT term used by \_\_\_\_\_ (Deut 32:15), \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 24:5), \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 1:46,47)
- Pagan meaning – many were calling themselves savior
- This set God apart as our Savior – showed His love for us

**Jesus our Lord**

- Our \_\_\_\_\_ in verse 1
- "Christ, our hope, was – and still should be – the battle-cry of the Church." – William Barclay

Often our hope feels \_\_\_\_\_ (despair, lost, ruin, economy, morals, character, future)

- Because of our \_\_\_\_\_ (God opposes us then)
- We have lost our \_\_\_\_\_ of what our true Hope is
- We try to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus our hope, with something more tangible

Lamentations 3:1-24

IT IS A \_\_\_\_\_ THAT WE MUST CONTROL. HE IS THE HOPE OF THE \_\_\_\_\_, OF THE \_\_\_\_\_, OF \_\_\_\_\_

Where is your hope today? Where are you looking for answers?

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### **YOUR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT THIS WEEK**

Where has God called you to be an apostle (to be sent out)? Not just a place, but to DO or BE what? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you being that apostle? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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Does life seem hopeless? Have you lost sight of the true Hope? \_\_\_\_\_

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Reflect on God's grace, mercy and peace extended to you. How has He shown that in your life? \_\_\_\_\_

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How do you need to see His grace, mercy and peace in your life now? \_\_\_\_\_

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Just as a good builder needs to know the blueprints, we need to know our spiritual blueprints.

Memorize Lamentations 3:21-24. Pray that daily this week.