

# The First Order of The church

1 Timothy 2: 1 – 8

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<sup>1</sup> First of all, then, I urge that entreaties *and* prayers, petitions *and* thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup> This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God, *and* one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony *given* at the proper time. <sup>7</sup> For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying) as a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. <sup>8</sup> Therefore I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension.

# Evangelistic Prayer

- First of All – this is the first order in respect to the conduct in God’s house.
  - We are called to pray for the lost to be saved V. 4.
- Prayers for the lost.
  - Entreaties (δεήσεις) Prayer in recognition of their needs especially salvation.
  - Prayers (προσευχάς) Most general term as directed to God as an act of worship because salvation of sinners glorify Him.
  - Petitions (έντεύξεις) Identifying with their needs, especially to be saved.
  - Thanksgiving (εύχαριστίας) praying in gratitude of God’s offer of salvation.

# Who to Pray for

- Pray fervently for the salvation of all people.
  - Also for all in governmental authority (even Nero?)
- Praying for societal conditions favorable for church evangelistic efforts.
  - Tranquil (ἡρεμον) absence of outside disturbances.
  - Quiet (ἡσύχιον) absence of internal disturbances (peace).
  - Godliness (εὐσεβεία) reverence for God or proper attitude.
  - Dignity (σεμνότητι) moral earnestness or proper behavior.
- The point is clear in Vv 3 – 4 that it is Gods' will for us to pray for the salvation of the lost.

# The Reason for Evangelistic Prayer

- God is pleased in this good and acceptable action.
  - God desires all men to be saved, receiving the full knowledge of the truth.
- Only One God and Only One Mediator.
  - It is foolish, even idolatrous to attempt to place any other in this position of the Mediator.
- God has sent messengers of this truth.
  - Preachers, Apostles, and teachers.
- The charge for all men to pray with clean hearts, without anger, and without dissension.

# Conclusion

- The #1 priority of the church is to evangelize and seek to save the lost.
- The #1 priority must begin with evangelistic prayer by the church both individually and corporately.
- Evangelistic prayer includes praying for and honoring those in authority.
- Evangelistic prayer is rooted in correct doctrine of one God and One mediator (Savior).
- Evangelistic prayer must be exemplified and led by men in the church who are right with God and man.