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GOD'S MERCY IN SALVATION (01)

Our lesson text consists of three Greek sentences: (1 Tim.1:12-14) **Formerly a sinner**; (1 Tim.1:15-16) **Foremost of sinners** and (1 Tim.1:17) **Four-fold description of our Savior**

Paul taught that **the Savior of (1 Tim.1:17)** was the source of God's Mercy being given to every Church Age Believer (CAB) on the basis of God's Grace. Note that Paul mentioned **God Mercy** as the Key in Grace Salvation to the former and foremost sinner (1 Tim.1:13, 16). What I found interesting was that Paul highlighted the doctrine of Mercy with his Grace Salvation.

Therefore this lesson will introduce the doctrine of God's Mercy in Salvation

The Greek verb (eleeo/ a.p.ind.1ps) was used two times with God's mercy in Paul's salvation. (1 Tim.1:13) and (1 Tim.1:16).

We will study four truths from parsing eleeo (a.p.ind.1ps).

- **(a) The Aorist tense:** A form of a verb that, in the indicative mood, expresses past action.

The moment Paul believed the gospel (in the past) there was immediately a "former life as a sinner".

(1 Tim.1:13) "Even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor. Yet **I was shown mercy (eleeo/ a.p.ind.1ps)** because I acted ignorantly in unbelief."

Paul was judicially guilty of Adam's Original Sin (AOS) and was in need of God's Mercy and not God's Justice. (Rom.5:12-21)

- **(p) The Passive voice:** Indicating that the grammatical subject of the verb (Paul) is the recipient (not the source) of the action denoted by the verb.

The moment he believed the gospel, **he received** Eternal Life by grace; Phil.4:21-22)

(1 Tim.1:16) "Yet for this reason I found mercy (eleeo/ a.p.ind.1ps), so that **in me** as the **foremost** (1 Tim.1:15b), Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life."

- **(ind) The Indicative mood:** Represents the act or state as an objective fact (Reality)

The moment he believed the gospel, **he received the reality of the gift** of salvation on the basis of God's grace through faith.

(Eph.2:8-9) "And the **grace of our Lord** was more than abundant (hyperpleonizo/ a.a.ind.3ps) [Super-Grace] **with the faith and love which are found in Christ Jesus.**" (1 Tim.1:14)

- **(1ps) 1st Person Singular:** Being only one; an individual; the one who believes.

God's grace salvation is **personal** to everyone who believes the gospel and not just Paul. (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9; Phil.4:2-3) The Book of Life (**Luke 16:23-24**).