**Church: A people united and sustained by the Good News! (1 Timothy 1)**

**Key Truth:** The Good News is what is all-important, more than anything else!

**A. Paul’s introduction: a reminder of who we are as a church …(1 Tim. 1:1-2)**

1. A people of God-centered worship.

 a. He is our Savior, Hope, and Lord!

2. A gospel-formed community. (1 Tim.3:15)

 a. The Gospel: defines what we believe, how we pray, how we lead, how we relate, how we see our possessions, and how we do missions.

**B. The reality of being a people of the Gospel…(1 Tim. 1:3-20)**

1. Salvation through the gospel is what unites us in the church.

2. Perseverance in/for the gospel is what sustains us as the church.

 **a. We guard the gospel.**

 1. We must not add to the law’s demands nor think that the law saves. (v.4)

 a. This produces… Arrogance and ignorance among those who teach Confusion and deception among those who hear. (v.7)

 2. The Law is to show God’s restraint of sin, condemnation of the sinner, and will for the saved. (8-9)

 a. This produces... Responsibility among those who teach Love among those who hear. (vs.4-5)

 **b. We celebrate the gospel. (vs.12-17)**

 1. His gospel is incarnational, undeniable, universal, and personal. (vs. 15,13)

 2. His grace is unconditional & purposeful.

 a. It demonstrates His patience and leads to His praise. (v.16)

 The glory of God is eternal as well as invisible and incomparable.(v.17)

 **c. We fight for the gospel. (vs. 18-20)**

 1. In our lives and In the church

**Conclusion:** When difficulties and challenges come, we have nothing to fear because we are hidden with Christ in His life, His death and His resurrection which sustains us daily!