

**What It Means to Be the Church**  
**1 Timothy 1:1-2**  
**Ecclesia, 1**  
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**The challenge to be the church ...**

verse 1

- Timothy was ...
- God is our deliverer ... our hope.

**OVERVIEW OF Paul's Message to Timothy**

1. embracing your story of grace, 1:1-20
2. knowing your role in the body, 2:1-15
3. building strong leaders, 3:1-16
4. taking personal responsibility, 4:1-16
5. caring for each other, 5:1-6:2
6. relating to the material world, 6:3-21

**The challenge to be shaped by God ...**

verse 2

- as we stand securely in His deliverance.
- as we relate to Him as Father and master.

**APPLICATION**

- Reflection questions
  - What challenges do you personally face in living out your calling to "be the church"?
  - How can you begin to relate to God as your Father? as your master? Be specific ...

**Quotes:**

"Most readers find Timothy a very congenial character. We feel that he is one of us in all our frailty. He was very far from being a stained glass saint. A halo would not have fitted comfortably on his head. No, the evidence is plain that he was a real human being like us, with all the infirmity and vulnerability which that entails." John Stott