



Sunday 2nd October—5pm Catholic Hall

1 Timothy 1:3-20 Calibrated to the True Gospel of Love

A reminder of today's BD message.....

1 Timothy is a personal letter written to Timothy by Paul. There was a close relationship—Paul had taken Timothy under his wing as his young apprentice missionary. They had journeyed together, preached together, faced dangers together and shared the hurt of witnessing false teaching creep into the church. And as Paul's time was drawing to a close, this was one of the last letters he wrote.

Timothy had been called into leadership as regions had been evangelised and churches were beginning to form. Here we witness the establishment of Godly authority within the church. Why did the apostles see the need to establish these leaders? And why do we still need Godly leadership today?

When regions were evangelised, an enormous spiritual battle took place. As the gospel was preached—a very real repentance occurred (people no longer participated in magic or idol worship which was a major tourist attraction). Peoples lives were changed and as a result, income was often lost resulting in riots and violence breaking out. Many within the church itself also began to speak twisted things that lead people away from the truth. As a result, they had lost their unity and their love for each other. The church was in need of leadership.

So as a leader of the church, Timothy was 'tasked' with leading by example, teaching, rebuking, encouraging, keeping away from pointless speculation, developing good order (so it wasn't a free-for-all) and growing the church in unity and love.

Timothy was the pastor of a church that had friction and so Paul opens his letter with a blessing that Timothy is going to need. *Grace, mercy and peace.* May we too receive the encouragement that Timothy receives in this letter—not to be timid in the face of difficulties but to have courage to step up and serve as God calls us to serve. May we too be blessed with grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord, as we study this letter over the coming months.



KYB— In recess during school holidays

Men's Prayer Meeting— Wednesday 6am "Mywybilla"

Sept/Oct 2022 Service Dates

25th Sept	St.Margaret's	5pm
2nd Oct	Bush Disciples	5pm
9th Oct	St.Margaret's	5pm
16th Oct	Bush Disciples	9:30am
23rd Oct	St.Margaret's	5 pm
30th Oct	Bush Disciples	9:30am

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome, Opening Psalm & Prayer	Justin & Sarah
Song x 2	Chelsea & Rhonda
Children's Story	Bruce & Rhonda
Bible Reading 1 Timothy 1:3-20	Ann
Message	Calibrated to the True Gospel of Love
Communion	David & Pauline
Song	Chelsea & Rhonda
Closing Prayer	Dave & Ruth
Morning Tea	Ann