



WINNING THE SPIRITUAL BATTLE

Part Three

1 TIMOTHY 1:15-20

- We are soldiers for Christ, and we have an adversary – Satan.
- Every believer must war a good warfare against our adversary. How can we do this? The apostle Paul lays out a strategy for us.

First, we must exercise complete allegiance to our Leader. vs. 17-18

Second, we must obey instructions from our Commander. vs. 15

**Third, we must follow the correct _____.
vs. 16**

- Who is the pattern for the body of Christ today? This is a crucial question if we are to understand our place in the plan of God.
- God saved Saul of Tarsus on the road to Damascus. Saul was the enemy of those who believed in Jesus Christ. Why was God merciful to Saul? Why did He show forth such abundant grace towards him?
- The Bible is clear. It was for the purpose of making Paul (Saul) a _____ to all those who would be saved by grace after him. vs. 16

- *“Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints.”* **Colossians 1:25-26**
- The great mystery revealed to Paul was that Jews or Gentiles could now be reconciled into _____ body by the cross work of Jesus Christ. Ephesians 2:11-18, 3:6
- Paul is the pattern that aptly represents this one body of Jews and Gentiles.
- Paul was a Jew and a Roman in one _____!
- Paul was the former _____ of Christ who is now reconciled to God by sheer grace. This, too, aptly represents the body of Christ today. Colossians 1:20-21
- What do you do with a pattern? You _____ it.
- *“Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me. For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church.”* **1 Corinthians 4:16-17**
- *“Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.”* **1 Corinthians 11:1**
- *“Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.”* **Philippians 3:17**
- Paul stands as a pattern of what God would do in this present dispensation of grace. God is taking sinners, cleansing them, placing them in His Son, and giving them a new identity as _____ in Christ Jesus.



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