

THE RANSOM TESTIMONY

We divided chapter two of 1 Timothy into two sections;

- 1 Tim.2:1-8 Spiritual role of Christian men in Church
- 1 Tim.2:9-15 Spiritual role of Christian women in church

Today's lesson will study six aspects of "The Ransom Testimony" found in 1Tim.2:6-7.

1. Paul declared he was appointed a preacher (kerux) and an apostle (apostolos) and a teacher (didasklos) of the Gentiles because of The Ransom Testimony.

(1 Tim. 2:4-5) "Who gave (ho didomi/ a.a.ptc.nsm) Himself (heautos/ asm) as a **ransom** (antilutron/ asn) for all (huper+abl. pas/ abl.plm), the **testimony** (marturion/ asn) borne at the proper time (idios kairos/ lplm)."

(1 Tim.2:6-7) "**And for** (eis+acc. of purpose) **this** (hos) [relative pronoun] (asn) [Ransom Testimony] **I (ego/ nsm)** was appointed (tithemi/ a.p.ind. lps) a preacher (predicate nominative) and an apostle (pred.nom.) (I am telling the truth, I am not lying) as a teacher (pred.nom.) of the Gentiles in faith and truth."

This Ransom Testimony of Jesus Christ pushed Paul's life on a different course than he could have ever imagined.

Q: "what is the Ransom Testimony borne at the proper time of Jesus Christ?"

2. Ransom and Testimony are accusatives of "who gave (ho didomi/ a.a.ptc.nsm) Himself (heautos/ reflective pronoun/ asm)."

The accusative marks the limit or the end of an action.

Ransom is the end of the testimony of grace salvation by faith in gospel of Jesus Christ.

The reflective pronoun expresses the action of the subject upon itself." (Summer, pg.121)

Jesus Christ (Himself) is the only ransom acceptable by God for release from slave market of Adam's sin.

3. "The Ransom Testimony borne at the proper time" involved the divine purpose of God sending His only begotten Son into the world.

This is referred to in theology as the *Incarnation of Christ* (Luke 2:10-11).

- Gal.4:3-6
- Rom.5:6-9
- 1 Tim.1:12-16
- 1 Tim.2:4-7
- John 3:14-17

4. Jesus Christ is the only Ransom acceptable to God for the release of the unbeliever from Adam Original Sin (AOS/ Rom.5:12; 1 Cor.15:22) (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).

(Mark 10:45) “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to give His life a **ransom** (lutron) for (**anti**/gplm) [instead of] many (polus/ gplm).” (Matt.20:28)

In 1 Tim.2:6, Paul added anti to lutron and created a theological term for the deliverance from the slave market of Adam’s sin by the person and work of Jesus Christ (antilutron). Then Paul added the preposition **hyper to** adjective pas (abl.pl.m/ substitute for all mankind) **in 1 Tim.2:6**.

Paul created a theological phrase for Unlimited Atonement - “**Who gave Himself a ransom for all**, the testimony borne at the proper time.”

- Rom.3:24-25
- Eph.1:7
- Col.1:13-14

5. By God giving His Son in life as the substitution ransom, He showed the worth of the sinless Son of God (2 Cor.5:21; 1 John 3:5; Matt.16:21-23; 26:31 Zech.13:7).

Buy Jesus Christ giving of His life to death as the ransom substitute for “sin of the world,” He showed the worth of the soul of every member of the human race (John 10:11; 1 Tim.1:9-10; 2:4; 2 Pet.3:9; Titus 2:9-10; 1 John 4:14).

6. Paul believed that every spiritually advancing believer should take the Ransom Testimony of the gospel of grace salvation to each generation of his/ her life time.

- Matt.28:18-20
- Acts 1:8
- Rom.10:15
- Eph.6:15

The Ransom was paid even for those who refuse to believe and remain under the wrath of God

(John 3:16-19) “He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life; but the **wrath of God abides on him.**” (John 3:36; Eph.2:4-5)