

**“A FAITHFUL SAYING”
1 TIMOTHY 1:15**

Introduction:

- In 1981, a Minnesota radio station reported a story about a stolen car in California. Police were staging an intense search for the vehicle and the driver, even to the point of placing announcements on local radio stations to contact the thief. On the front seat of the stolen car sat a box of crackers that, unknown to the thief, were laced with poison. The car owner had intended to use the crackers as rat bait. Now the police and the owner of the Volkswagen Bug were more interested in apprehending the thief to save his life than to recover the car. Often when we run from God, we feel it is to escape His punishment. But what we are actually doing is eluding His rescue. **Are you running from God’s punishment or from His rescue?** (POSB)

I. Our Description: “Sinners”

“Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”

- A. Definition of sinners**
- B. Christ Jesus came to save sinners of all types**
- C. Christ came to save sinners without any Qualifications**
- D. Christ came to save sinners “Without Strength”**
- E. Christ came to save the “Ungodly” (Rom 5:6).**

II. Our Need: Salvation

- A. Jesus did not come into the world to condemn us.**
- B. Jesus did not come into the world to help us save ourselves**
- C. Christ did not come to make us content to be unsaved**

III. His Name: “Jesus Christ”

- A. Christ means anointed**
- B. Jesus means Savior – He is the anointed Savior – He came to save people from their sins.**

IV. Jesus’ Mission: “Came into the World”

- A. How Jesus Came**
- B. Why Jesus Came**

V. Our Acceptance: “I Am Chief”

- A. Paul referred to himself as the Chief of Sinners because of his past (v. 13)**
- B. Paul’s Confession – “Lord, I am a sinner and know it.”**
- C. God saved Paul the Chief of Sinners and He will save you**

Conclusion:

- A. The Faithful Saying: “Christ came into the world to save sinners.”**
- B. Be saved today! The decision rests with you. All you need to do is turn to Jesus and He will do the rest. He is Faithful – Paul said, “This is a Faithful Saying” – Trust God at His Word.**
- C. Romans Road to Salvation (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)**

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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).