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(1 Timothy 1:11-17)

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INTRODUCTION: some Bible teachers use the following words of Paul to support the mistaken theory that Jesus the Son is the one true God. This is because Old and New Testament prophecies and Scriptures speak of Jesus as the King, even John in his glorious vision sees Jesus returning as, King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev. 19:11-16). But does this mean that the words, "The King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God," apply to the Lord Jesus Christ? Or did Paul have someone else in mind when he wrote these words? To put the verse into its context we will begin at verse eleven.

- **1 Timothy 1:11-17:** in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I (Paul) have been entrusted. ¹² I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³ though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

In these verses Paul is praising God the Father for his glorious plan of salvation that he planned and purposed in his eternal mind before the world began and for God's overwhelming grace and mercy that came to Paul and by extension to every faithful brother and sister who has faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul is thanking God for the Gospel of salvation that comes to all sinners through faith and grace in the Lord Jesus Christ that God in His eternal mind planned and purposed before the foundations of the world. Paul with his brilliant knowledge of Scripture was fully aware that Jesus blood does not just cover those who believe in Christ after his death and resurrection, but flows back over all the faithful of the Old Testament. This is because God's plan for mankind's eternal salvation did not begin at Calvary, but began in Gods eternal mind before time began.

God planned that He would bring His Son into the world at a given time in history for the redemption of mankind and that through faith in God's Son the promised Messiah the Christ all the Old Testament prophets said was to come and the Scriptures speak of sinners would be saved to eternal life. This was God the Fathers eternal plan and promise before the world began to all who would come to the Father through faith in His Son. This is why the cleansing power of Christ's blood flows back to Genesis and forward to the beginning of eternity in all its royal majesty when God is All in All and everything that is wicked and corrupt and death exists no longer and all things have been made perfect.

FOLLOWING IS THE PROGRESSION OF PAUL'S TRAIN OF THOUGHT FROM VERSE ELEVEN TO VERSE SEVENTEEN

- In (v11) Paul thanks God the Almighty for the glorious gospel which he has been entrusted with.
- Then in (v12) Paul thanks Jesus for trusting him faithful to share this gospel.
- Then in (v13) Paul thanks Jesus for his overflowing grace and mercy.
- Then in (v14) Paul thanks Jesus for his grace and love that overflows toward him.

- Then in (v15) Paul states that the saying is true that Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
- Then in (v16) Paul says, because Jesus came into the world to save sinners, he received mercy (even though he considered himself the greatest of sinners).
- Then in (v17) Paul reflects back to (v11) and thanks God the Almighty, the only God, the King of all ages, the immortal, invisible God for the glorious gospel with which He saved Paul by and has entrusted him with.

In verse eleven Paul's focus is God the Almighty then from verse twelve to verse sixteen Paul's focus is Jesus, then at the end of verse sixteen there is a full stop and Paul's focus reflects back to his first focus in verse eleven which of course was God the Almighty. The following verses show that the title King does not always refer to Jesus, many times in the Old Testament God the Father's title is also King as the following Scriptures show (there are many more).

- The LORD (Y^ehovah) the LORD sits enthroned as king forever (Psalm 29:10).
- You are my King, O God; ordain salvation for Jacob! (Psalm 44:4).
- For the LORD (Y^ehovah) the Most High, is a great king over all the earth (Psalm 47:2).
- Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! (Psalm 47:6).
- God my King is from of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth (Psalm 71:12).
- The LORD (Y^ehovah) our king to the Holy One of Israel. (Psalm 89:18).
- I (David) will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever (Psalm 145:1).
- But I (Jesus) say to you, "Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King" (Matt. 5:34-35).
- To the King of ages, immortal, invisible (Jesus Christ was not invisible or immortal) the only God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen (1 Tim. 1:17).
- They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, "Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!" (Rev. 15:3).

Thus, God the Father is the immortal, invisible King of all ages while Christ is God's anointed and foreordained King of the age we live in and the age to come since he is the fulfilment of God's eternal plan of salvation.

The words, "The King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God," do not apply to Christ for the following four reasons:

1. Jesus was not the King of all ages (he came into the world through miraculous Virgin birth of Mary).
2. He was not immortal (he died). Immortal means that it is impossible to die, whoever is immortal cannot die. If Jesus was immortal then he could not have died at Calvary and if Jesus was immortal then his shed blood would have no meaning neither would his resurrection.
3. He was not invisible (everyone saw him).
4. Jesus is never referred to in the Scriptures as the immortal or invisible God in fact the Scriptures teaches that Christ came in the flesh (mortality) to reveal His Father, the one and only true and immortal and invisible God.

It stuns this author why has much of traditional Christianity made the simple and beautiful Bible message from Genesis to Revelation so confusing and complicated by claiming Jesus is God rather than adhering to the very simple message that all Scriptures and Christ himself proclaim.

Jesus is the promised Messiah the Christ to come into the world the Saviour of all mankind who came into the world at God the Fathers appointed time through the miraculous birth of the Virgin Mary. The message of Christ his birth, his ministry, his death and resurrection to God's right hand side is so simple when it is taught as the Bible proclaims it that even a small child can understand the glory of the message and the love God the Father the Almighty God and the Lord Jesus Christ His most beloved Son has for them.

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