



# Christianity: Antique or Unique?

Text: I Timothy 1:12-14

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Introduction: Some people wonder if we follow an antique religion. There are people in the world that think Christianity is outdated, archaic, and irrelevant. The world has so much to learn about God's plan and the uniqueness of the Christian faith. Paul gives an honest and challenging statement to a young preacher and his congregation (I Timothy 1:12-14). He recognized God's abundant mercy in his own life. Can God still change lives? Why do we follow the Christian Bible? Let's reflect on the words of Paul study together. . . .

## Discussion:

### I. We Have A Unique Salvation

#### A. Saved vs. Lost

- I Timothy 1:12-13, Acts 9, Luke 15:11-32).

#### B. Maturity vs. Immaturity

- Philippians 3:12-17, Galatians 5:22-23

#### C. Grace vs. Works

- Galatians 2:16-21, I John 1:9

### II. We Have A Unique Status

#### A. Adopted vs. Orphaned

- John 1:12, Romans 8:14-17

#### B. Holy Temple vs. Unholy Houses

- I Corinthians 3:16, 6:19, II Corinthians 4:7

#### C. Spiritual vs. Carnal

- II Corinthians 3:18, I Corinthians 15:51-57, I John 3:2

### III. We Have A Unique Service

#### A. Purpose vs. Impulse

- I Timothy 1:13, Acts 8:1-3, I Corinthians 6:9-11

#### B. Focused vs. Distracted

- I Peter 2:9-10, Matthew 28:18-20

#### C. Freedom vs. Bondage

- I Corinthians 9:19-23, I Peter 2:11-12

Conclusion: God gives the increase! God chose us! God has a plan for us! God is alive! God is working! We are the evidence and we are the witnesses! We are living examples of unique Christianity. God has given us the power to do great things. Are you ready to find your own unique purpose in His kingdom? Are you ready to show the world that God is still at work? Are you ready to surrender your life to Him? Have you become a dedicated follower of Christ?

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