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RE- FLECTING GOD

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1 Timothy 1:12-20 [RG AUDIO 091412](#)

Each spring the majority of Americans receive an envelope in the mail that reads: "Congratulations! You May Have Won." You open the envelope with anticipation only to find that you haven't won anything. Wow, how disappointing. I like good news that really *is* good news. Don't you?

Our world promises a lot, but delivers little. Promises, such as money brings happiness, success is popularity, and physical appearance matters. These hollow messages lead to feelings of hopelessness and despair when the truth is finally uncovered.

Paul was once a "blasphemer, persecutor, and violent man." He denounced Christ and encouraged others to deny their faith, or face persecution. Yet, as far away from God as Paul was, God poured out his grace and offered him salvation through Christ. Paul was the worst of sinners; yet, God offered his best through his one and only Son.

Paul proclaimed: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. No matter how deep sin goes, God's mercy and grace goes deeper.