

# ***CUR DEUS HOMO*** **WHY GOD BECAME MAN**

*To Save Sinners*  
1 Timothy 1:15-17  
Christmas Day, 2022

...that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners...  
- 1 Tim. 1:15

## **I. A TRUSTWORTHY SAYING**

- Paul tells us that Christ came into the world to save sinners. This is not new information; he is only repeating what Jesus himself said (Mark 2:17; Luke 19:9; John 3:17).
- This saying that had become proverbial in the early church was both “trustworthy” and “deserving of full acceptance” (Vs. 15).

## **II. A RECIPIENT OF GOD’S MERCY**

- The apostle Paul considered himself a sinner (Vs. 15; Rom. 7:7-25; 1 Cor. 15:9-11; Gal. 1:13-17).
- Paul’s understanding was that God showed him mercy in order to show forth Paul as an example to display his perfect patience. If you know Jesus, take heed of the example (Vs. 16).

## **III. A DOXOLOGY**

- Paul’s salvation, or your salvation if you have received it, is worthy of praise and honor directed toward a praiseworthy God.

**KNOW:** Why did God become Man? To save sinners like the apostle Paul...and sinners like us.

**DO:** Learn from the example: God is exceedingly patient with those for whom he sent his Son to save.

### **Suggested Reading:**

*Why Christ Came: 31 Meditations on the Incarnation* by Joel Beeke & William Boekestein (Available in the LifePoint Library)

### **Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families**

#### **Please Read 1 Timothy 1:15-17**

1. Paul received undeserved mercy from God. Why? (see also 1 Tim. 1:14).
2. Why, according to this passage, did Jesus come into the world? What does that mean to you?
3. What do you know about Paul that explains why he considered himself the foremost sinner?
4. What example does God show forth in Paul?
5. This passage is intended to give you hope in the patience of God. Does it?
6. What will you do/think as a result of knowing this passage?