

SERMON
The Purpose of the Law
1 Timothy 1:1-11

- 1. The problem of false doctrine**
- a. Legalism
 - b. Doctrine of salvation by race or family
 - c. Fables of our day
 - d. All turn God's law upside down
- 2. The law's purpose is to build love**
- a. Love found in law, not idle talk
 - b. Loving deeds come from a pure heart
 - c. Sincere faith basis for deeds of love
- 3. The law is given to restrain evil-doers**
- a. Law threatens only those who do evil
 - b. The law shows the evil of sin
 - c. The law calls sinners to turn to Christ

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Timothy 1:1–11

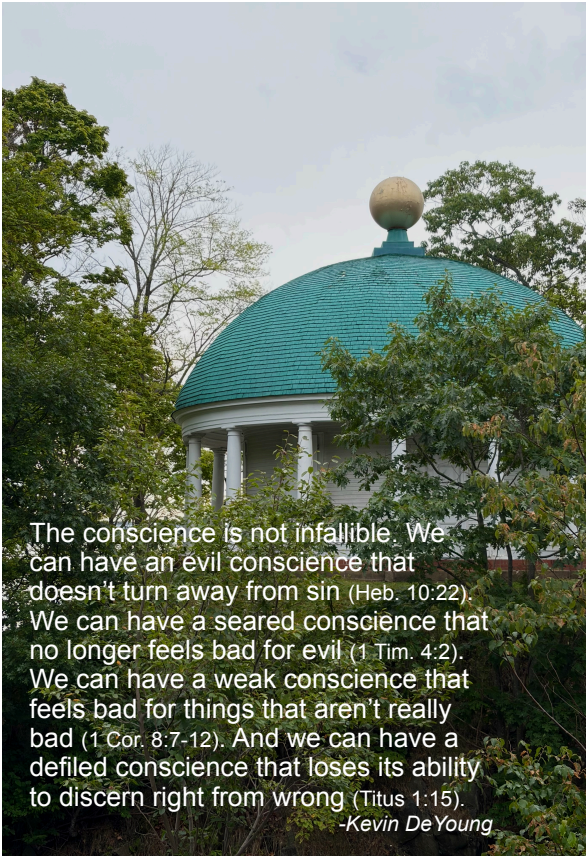
1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by command of God our Saviour and of Christ Jesus our hope,

2 To Timothy, my true child in the faith:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus so that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine, 4 nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the stewardship from God that is by faith. 5 The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. 6 Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, 7 desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.

8 Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, 9 understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, 10 the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, 11 in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.



**BEDFORD PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

October 4, 2026
Rev. Jim Poopalapillai
www.bedfordpca.org
49 Nelsons Landing Blvd., Bedford, NS

Welcome to Bedford Presbyterian Church
We are glad to have you join us today. We envision a church worshipping with joy, loving each other with compassion and reaching out to the world with grace and justice.

UPCOMING

Discipleship Groups

- Women's Bible Studies led by Laura Priddle:
 - Studying Hebrews. **Wednesdays** at 9:15-11:00 a.m.
 - Studying Judges. Bi-weekly on **Mondays** at 7:15–9:00 p.m.
- Adult Bible Study led by Reid Campbell and meeting online. Studying 2 Samuel. **Wednesdays** at 7:30 p.m.
- International Small Group, led by Will Perrie and meeting online. **Fridays** at 7:00 p.m.
- Sermon Based Discussion Group, led by Glenn Wadden. **Mondays** 7:00 p.m. Starts in October.

Visit [BedfordPCA.org/discipleship-groups](https://www.bedfordpca.org/discipleship-groups), to sign-up.

English Conversation Group

On **Wednesdays** at 12:45 p.m. come practice speaking and listening while building friendships and community.

Church-Wide Retreat

October 16-17 at Malagash Bible Camp. Details and registration can be found at [BedfordPCA.org/retreat](https://www.bedfordpca.org/retreat).

Alpha

Have questions about Christianity or know someone who does? Join us for 10 weeks, beginning **October 14** at 7:00 p.m., at the church for dessert, short video, and thoughtful discussion about life, faith, and meaning. Sign-up online at [BedfordPCA.org/Alpha](https://www.bedfordpca.org/Alpha).

BPC Kids Update

BPC Kids will resume Sunday, October 11, for our Primary - Grade 1 class, Grade 2 - Grade 4 class, and nursery.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Family of the week: Will and Chi Perrie

HOW TO GIVE

E-transfer to bedfordpca@gmail.com.

LIVE TRANSLATION



SCAN HERE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The earth is the LORD’s and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,
People: for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.
Leader: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?
People: He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.
Leader: He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
People: Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

-Psalm 24:1-6

HYMN OF PRAISE
All Glory, Laud, and Honour

OLD TESTAMENT READING
Deuteronomy 4:1–14

1 “And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. 2 You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. 3 Your eyes have seen what the LORD did at Baal-peor, for the LORD your God destroyed from among you all the men who followed the Baal of Peor. 4 But you who held fast to the LORD your God are all alive today. 5 See, I have taught you statutes and rules, as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should do them in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. 6 Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ 7 For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? 8 And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

9 “Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children —10 how on the day that you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, the LORD said to me, ‘Gather the people to me, that I may let them hear my words, so that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children so.’ 11 And you came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, while the mountain burned with fire to the heart of heaven, wrapped in darkness, cloud, and gloom. 12 Then the LORD spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the sound of words, but saw no form; there was only a voice. 13 And he declared to you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, that is, the Ten Commandments, and he wrote them on two tablets of stone. 14 And the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and rules, that you might do them in the land that you are going over to possess.

CALL TO REPENTANCE
Based on Old Testament reading

SONG OF REFLECTION
Psalm 24

CONFESSION OF SIN
People: Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him!
-Romans 5:8-9

SONGS OF RENEWAL
Give us Clean Hands
Holy Forever

GOSPEL READING
Mark 7:1–13

1 Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, 2 they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. 3 (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, 4 and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) 5 And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” 6 And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, “‘This people honours me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; 7 in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’ 8 You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.” 9 And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! 10 For Moses said, ‘Honour your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ 11 But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, “‘Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban”’ (that is, given to God)—

12 then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, 13 thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH AND CITY
Prayer for Creation and for Perrie Family

THE LORD’S PRAYER
People: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

SERMON
The Purpose of the Law
Rev. Don Codling

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

PROFESSING OUR FAITH
The Apostles’ Creed

THE LORD’S SUPPER

CLOSING HYMN
Crown Him with Many Crowns

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL
Leader: Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
People: Thanks be to God!

