

## Questions and Answers.

**“ Light on what you believe is the Holy Spirit’s teaching concerning the all’s of 1 Timothy 2.1-6.”**

Words like “ all ” and “ each ” are often Divinely explained by the context. When the Lord Jesus healed “ all diseases ” it is plain “ all manner of diseases ” are before us. A booklet “ The All’s of Scscripture ” will be gladly sent. In 1 Timothy we have six “ all’s ” in verses 1-6, four in connexion with our present subject.

Prayers for all ( “ Kings, all . . in authority ” particularized ).

God wills all men to have been saved.

Christ gave Himself a Ransom for all.

Thus we have a reminder of our Triune God, for prayer is in the Holy Spirit (Jude 20). Is it not remarkable that **accompanying** words help in each case? E.g. verse 4 at once leads to “ For there in **one God.** ” This stress on the oneness of God is linked elsewhere with God’s blessing to **Jew and Gentile** (Rom. 3. 30, Gal. 3. 20 with 28). The reference to our Lord Jesus dying is also associated with the word “ men ” (without article: those of that character, whatever their race), and the encouragement to prayer particularizes different **classes**, as we have seen.

The added context at once mentions “ nations ” (Gentiles, verse 7). Thus we see the holy emphasis on expecting God will work among the “ unlikely ” in all races (Rev. 5. 9: observe “ out of ”). The context before reminds us of Grace to Paul a **persecutor** (1 Tim. 1. 13). The hand of the Lord is not shortened. This thought of God’s salvation reaching to those of all nations and conditions is deeply important, and thus we have the key to God’s sovereign “ will ” (verse 4). This is not universalistic, nor is it a frustrated will. It is a definite encouragement to expect His saving work among all classes (John 6. 37, 39). It is helpful to notice the next “ all ” (or “ every ”), in 1 Timothy 2. 8 refers to prayer not restricted to a temple, though we feel there is also a parallel with 1 Corinthians 1. 2, and a suggestion of little gatherings, before they became assemblies in God’s gracious appointment. The Holy Spirit in John 3 shows the similar use of the word “ world ” to indicate God’s love beyond Judaism: men of all races are made one through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.