

*Guard the Truth*  
Guard the Gospel  
1 Timothy 1:3-11

**Question: What is worthy of our defense at Great Valley? What should we be careful to guard well?**

*"I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears...And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. And there was much weeping on the part of all; they embraced Paul and kissed him being sorrowful most of all because of the word he had spoken, that they would not see his face again." (Acts 20:29-31,36-38a)*

*"But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the works you did at first." (Revelation 2:4-5a)*

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**Point to Ponder:** How do we (or should we) defend the truth of the gospel? Do we know it well enough to spot a fraud?

If you want to learn more about 1<sup>st</sup> Century Ephesus and even see some of its ruins, take a look at this link:  
[resources.takingground.org.uk/ephesus-in-the-first-century](http://resources.takingground.org.uk/ephesus-in-the-first-century)

**Next Week:**

Next Sunday morning we continue in our sermon series entitled *Guard the Truth* by considering **1 Timothy 1:12-17 Celebrating the Gospel.**

