

## **SCCC – WORST SINNERS**

### **S - Scriptures**

“But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.” I Timothy 1: 16

### **C – Consideration**

Paul, inspired by the Holy Spirit, used himself as an example, to state the lost condition of humanity, in sin, rebellion, pride, and depravity. He called himself twice in the chapter the vilest of all sinners. We have to remember, that this man was a very religious person, who lived in the eyes of people a very high moral standard, as he shared to the Philippians, “circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin; a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, persecuting the church; as to righteousness in the law, faultless. “ After saying that, Paul recognized the futility of his deeds to attain salvation, and the blessed gift God offered to save his soul, “What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage that I may gain Christ.”

### **C – Commitment**

When we think about Paul’s background and how he came to understand the gospel, it brings so much light for us to recognize this truth as well. We can see our own spiritual condition and, at the same time, comprehend the holiness of God and His amazing love when He sent Jesus Christ to save us. I often hear people praising Mahatma Gandhi, Mother Teresa, Nelson Mandela, and other world activists and world philanthropists. Some really have helped the needy, among others good deeds; however, the gospel is not about what we do, but what Christ did for humanity, and Paul understood it and shared it, “Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.” The Pharisees rebuked Jesus because he ate with “sinners”, but he told them “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.” Gandy said about Christianity, “I like your Christ; I do not like your Christians. Your Christians are so unlike your Christ.” He misunderstood the gospel. If Christians were perfect as Christ, God wouldn’t have to send Jesus to save us. We, like the Apostle Paul, are all horrible sinners; however, as he said, Jesus came to save bad sinners. Religious pride makes “good sinners”, which blinds their eyes to the gospel.

### **C – Call**

My God, help me to understand and share the gospel with this lost world. We are all “the worst sinners”. It may be not in the eyes of the world, but in Your eyes we are. Revive Your work Lord for people need to know how lost they are, and know how much You love them. Send out workers into the fields to tell humanity that we are forgiven, we are delivered, we are

saved, and we are accepted because of Jesus' death and resurrection. In His name, I pray.  
Amen.