

Titus

Healthy Churches with Healthy Christians

Titus 1:1-5

*Why should believers live godly lives?

Crete's Context

Crete is a large Mediterranean island with a rich yet godless culture, fertile soil, wealthy citizens, and many underdeveloped Christians and churches.

The Mission of Titus (1:5)

Timing: between ____ A.D. and ____ A.D.

Staff: Titus, without Paul, with _____ from other missionaries (Artemas, Tychicus, Zenas, Apollos – see Titus 3:12-13) and the believers in every city on Crete

Mission: “set in order the things that are lacking” by appointing _____ (chapter 1) and setting a pattern of teaching God’s word in a _____ way (chapters 2-3)

Paul and Titus Profiles (1:1-4)

Paul's Identity: servant of God and apostle of Jesus Christ

- Paul's identity is according to the _____ (the truth).
“according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgment of the truth”
- The truth (the faith) is according to _____.
“which accords with godliness”
- The godliness is by means of the hope of _____ .
“in hope of eternal life”
- The eternal life was _____ by God in eternity past but has been recently _____.
“which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began, but has in due time manifested His word through preaching,”
- The _____ of this promise and the godliness it brings was commanded by God.
“which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior;”

Titus's Identity: a true son in the common faith

- Titus was not an apostle, but he shared in the _____ of the apostles.
- Titus continually received grace, mercy, and peace from our _____.

Overview of the Book

Message Summary –

Titus, help the believers in Crete to have healthy churches full of healthy Christians.

Outline –

*Greeting (1:1-4)

I. Elders of the churches protect the content of the faith. (Titus 1)

- A. The qualifications of elders (1:5-9)
- B. The reason for appointing elders (1:10-13)

II. Various groups within the church protect the reputation of the faith. (Titus 2)

- A. The character qualities which should be found in Christians (2:1-10)
- B. The reason Christians should have godly character (2:11-15)

III. All healthy believers treat people well because of their faith. (Titus 3)

- A. The good works all believers should practice (3:1-2)
- B. The reason believers should do good works (3:3-7)
- C. Summary of what is good worthwhile (3:8-11)

*Closing (3:12-15)

What will He say?

This life has an end date, approaching so fast.
He gives many breaths, yet one will be my last.
How do I use them, these breaths that He gives?
Do I sing? Do I share? Do I shout, “God’s Son lives”?

I’ll meet my Breath-giver one breathtaking day.
When we stand face to face, what will He say?

I have brothers and sisters, some young and some old.
What a privilege to teach them, to help them grow bold!
How do I serve them, my dear family of God?
Am I generous? Am I loving? Does my Savior applaud?

The One who adopted me—I’ll meet Him one day.
When we stand face to face, what will He say?

This world needs light. It is such a dark place.
Humans are selfish and bitter—a despicable race.
When they look at Christians, what do they see?
Do they see Christ when looking at me?

My Savior will take me to His home someday.
When we stand face to face, what will He say?