

**AN INTRODUCTION TO TITUS  
(1:1-4)**

**I. THE BACKGROUND TO THIS PASTORAL EPISTLE**

**A. The Term "PASTORAL EPISTLE"**

1. Timothy and Titus were \_\_\_\_\_ in the present-day sense of the term.
  - a. They were official \_\_\_\_\_ of the Apostle Paul sent to the churches to deal with doctrinal & organizational issues between the time of the \_\_\_\_\_ and the establishment of \_\_\_\_\_ in the churches.
  - b. Although these representatives possessed the gifts for pastoring, their purpose was \_\_\_\_\_ in nature. They were sent by Paul "to \_\_\_\_\_ *the things that are* \_\_\_\_\_ and to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ *in every city as Paul had commanded them*" (1:5)
  - c. In summary, then, these pastoral epistles were designed by God to aid in pastoral \_\_\_\_\_ including the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ needed for ministry in local churches.

2. Of the 13 letters Paul wrote, these pastoral epistles were the \_\_\_\_\_ he penned.

\* What is the significance of that?

- a. Right \_\_\_\_\_ must always precede right \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Organization of the church must be based on \_\_\_\_\_ --God's objective \_\_\_\_\_, not on human view point thinking of "let's just get organized pastor, so we can do the church thing"

\* What should this mean to you?

**B. The Theme & Purpose of This Letter-- Theme: \_\_\_\_\_**

1. To instruct Titus about what he should do to correct the matters that were \_\_\_\_\_ in order to properly \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ the churches on Crete.(1:5)
2. To give Titus personal authorization as Paul's representative to \_\_\_\_\_ God's people in view of opposers and dissenters that Titus was facing there (2:15; 3:1-2, 9-11,14).
3. To give \_\_\_\_\_ concerning this opposition, to \_\_\_\_\_ about false teachers, and give instructions concerning \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (1:5, 10-11; 2:1-10).
4. To express his plan to have Titus \_\_\_\_\_ again in Nicopolis for the winter (3:12).

\* General outline for Titus:

chp 1 - The need of godly \_\_\_\_\_ in the Church

chp 2- The need of godly \_\_\_\_\_ in the Church

chp 3- The need of \_\_\_\_\_ living in this world

## II. THE SALUTATION (1:1-4)

### A. The Writer (1:1-3) ... \_\_\_\_\_

1. Paul's \_\_\_\_\_ office (1:1) two things are stated about him here:

a. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ of God!

b. He was an \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ!

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his apostolic office... was "according to..."

a. *the* \_\_\_\_\_ of God's *elect*

b. the *acknowledgement* of *the* \_\_\_\_\_

c. this truth *accords* with \_\_\_\_\_

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his apostolic office (1:2-3)

a. "In \_\_\_\_\_ of eternal life"

b. On \_\_\_\_\_ Himself ... "Who cannot \_\_\_\_\_"

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his apostolic office (1:3b)

### B. The Recipient (1:4a)... to \_\_\_\_\_

### C. The Greeting (1:4b) included...

1)

2)

3)

and all this was sourced in \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_