

# Relationships that Display the Gospel

Titus 1:4

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**BIG IDEA: Our relationships in the church are to display the glorious gospel we profess.**

Our relationships in the church are marked by:

## **I. BELONGING THROUGH THE GOSPEL (v. 1:4a)**

Titus 1:4 | "To Titus, my true child in a common faith:"

Galatians 2:1-3 | "<sup>1</sup> Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. <sup>2</sup> I went up because of a revelation and set before them (though privately before those who seemed influential) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure I was not running or had not run in vain. <sup>3</sup> But even Titus, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek."

### **A. Supernatural reconciliation**

Ephesians 2:14-19, 3:6 | "<sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup> by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, <sup>16</sup> and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. <sup>17</sup> And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God..." "<sup>3:6</sup> This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel."

Romans 15:7 | "Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."

## **B. Spiritual family**

Mark 3:35 | "For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother."

Galatians 6:10 | "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."

## **C. Shared hope**

2 Corinthians 2:13 | "my spirit was not at rest because I did not find my brother Titus there."

2 Corinthians 8:23 | "As for Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker for your benefit."

Application:

1. Consider
2. Pursue
3. Enjoy

## **II. ENCOURAGEMENT WITH THE GOSPEL (v. 1:4b)**

Titus 1:4b | "Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior."

### **A. Grace**

Titus 1:4b | "from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior."

"Grace is God's favor through Christ to people who deserve His wrath."  
-Jerry Bridges

In Christ, God's grace grants all of Jesus' favor, position, and inheritance which we do not deserve nor could ever earn.

### **B. Peace**

Titus 1:4b | "from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior."

John 14:27 | "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

Romans 5:1, 11 | "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ..." "More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation."

Revelation 21:3-4 | "<sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.'"

### **Benediction | Titus 1:4b**

"Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior."