

Believe the Truth

Titus 1:1-3

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BIG IDEA: Believe the truth that saves, sanctifies, and secures.

I. Believe the truth that saves (v.1)

Titus 1:1a | "Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect"

2 Corinthians 4:5 | "For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake."

Titus 1:1b | "for the sake of the faith of God's elect"

Ephesians 2:1 | "And you were dead in the trespasses and sins"

Ephesians 2:4-5 | "4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—"

Ephesians 2:8-9 | "8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

II. Believe the truth that sanctifies (v.1c)

Titus 1:1c | "and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness,"

Titus 3:14 | "And let our people learn to devote themselves to good works, so as to help cases of urgent need, and not be unfruitful."

III. Believe the truth that secures (vv. 2-3)

Titus 1:2-3 | "2 in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began 3 and at the proper time manifested in his word through the preaching with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior;"

Ephesians 1:4 | "even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love"

1 John 5:11-12 | "11 And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life."

Benediction | Titus 2:11-14

"11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, 13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works."