

Titus 1:1-4

1 & 2 Timothy and Titus are sometimes called the “Pastoral Epistles” because they contain principles for the pastoral care of churches and qualifications for ministers.

Probable Order of Events:

- ▶ 63 AD Paul writes 1 Timothy from Macedonia after leaving Timothy in Ephesus
- ▶ Continues to Crete and leaves Titus to supervise the churches in Crete
- ▶ Journeys to Nicopolis where in 65 AD he writes this letter to encourage Titus
- ▶ Journeys to Troas where he is arrested, taken to Rome and imprisoned
- ▶ Writes 2 Timothy from prison in 66 AD

Theme – Grace that produces good works

There is an essential connection between truth and morality.

Christian behavior is of extreme importance for the sake of outsiders.

Verse 1

Bond-servant of God:

Moses – Joshua 14:7

David – Psalm 89:3

Elijah – 2 Kings 10:10

Deuteronomy 15:12-17 - The ceremony of the bond-servant
An Apostle of Jesus Christ:

Paul refers to his apostleship over 25 times in his letters.

Sound doctrine is based on the teaching of the apostles!

For the faith of those chosen of God:

Paul’s charge was to further the faith of all believers.

To be a believer is to be ‘chosen of God’.

The knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness

If you understand the truth of God’s Word you will understand that grace teaches godliness!

Verse 2

In the hope of eternal life:

‘With a view to’ eternal life

Hope – “To desire with expectation of attainment”

“To expect with confidence”

Romans 4:18-21 – Abraham’s hope and faith!

Which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago:

Our hope is based on God Himself!

His very nature is truth!

His promises are eternal!

Verse 3

But at the proper time manifested...

God, in His time, manifested His word through the teaching of the apostles. This hope of eternal life is revealed in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

According to the commandment of God our Savior:

Paul’s gospel was by commandment of God!

God our Savior – verse 3

Jesus our Savior – verse 4

Verse 4

Titus, my true child in a common faith:

Paul probably led Titus to the Lord. Regardless, he

considered Titus, an uncircumcised Gentile, and himself, a Jew, as sharing the same faith.

Grace and peace:

Paul begins every epistle he writes with “*grace and peace*”.

Romans 5:1, “Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

From God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior:

Salvation has always been according to God’s grace!

Application:

1. Know who you are!
2. Know what you stand for!
3. Know what you should be doing!
4. Know who you are doing it for!