Titus

... in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds...



Overview of the book

• Titus 1:1-4



Are you in the right class?



What do we know about the book of Titus?

Known as a "pastoral epistle"

• Alongside 1st & 2nd Timothy



Who wrote it and who was it written to?

Non-Juniper

1:1 – "Paul…"

1:4 – "...To Titus"



What do we know about Titus?

- A Greek Gentile
- Paul's protégé
- Paul's true child in a common faith
- Carried the letter to the Corinthians
- Leader of the group of men sent to pick up the collection for the poor saints in Jerusalem



What did Paul ask Titus to do?

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What do we know about Crete?



One of the Cretans, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons."



The Church has always been susceptible to false teachers. In this book, Paul's instructions to Titus are to establish a group of faithful leaders to oversee doctrinal purity and to encourage good conduct in the churches on the island of Crete.

Crete was one of the worst places on earth at that time, however, Paul understood that even though the culture was bad, spiritual growth is still expected. Paul's focus is that when sound doctrine is taught, the result becomes believers who produce good deeds.

Titus Outline

- Appointment of elders
- Correction of false teaching
- Importance of sound doctrine
- Conduct of believers

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Importance of sound doctrine

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Appointment of elders



Based on this order, what is so important about elders?

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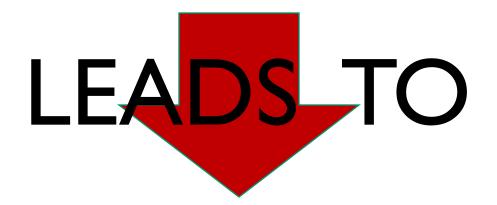
Conduct of believers

Importance of sound doctrine

Correction of false teaching

Appointment of elders

Elders must teach sound doctrine AND correct the false teachers



Good conduct

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Conduct of believers

Importance of sound doctrine

Correction of false teaching

Appointment of elders

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How does Paul describe himself?

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FAITH and KNOWLEDGE are to be developed, which

RESULTING IN

GODLINESS



Is godliness expected?

Colossians 1:9

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding



What tools do we have to attain godliness?

2 Peter 1:3

seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence

Translation

I, Paul, am a willing servant of God and a willing messenger of Jesus Christ so that believer's faith and knowledge of the truth will be in harmony with godliness

² in hope of eternal life, which

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promised before the ages began

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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;

⁴ To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.



God and Jesus Christ

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Titus 1:2-3

² in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began³ and at the proper time manifested in his word through the preaching

Titus 1:3-4

with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior; ⁴ To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.



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