

BIBLE STUDY SERIES

# “SETTING THE HOUSE IN ORDER”

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Titus 1:1-4-”A Theological Introduction”

TITUS

# Getting to the Heart of the Matter

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TITUS 1:1-4

## CONFRONTING ISSUES HEAD ON THAT THREATEN THE CHURCH:

-Paul in Galatians 1:3-4,

“grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins that he might deliver us from this present age, according to the will of our God and Father.”

-Paul in I Corinthians 1:2,

“to the church of God that is in Corinth to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours.”

# Getting to the Heart of the Matter

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TITUS 1:1-4

## CONFRONTING ISSUES HEAD ON THAT THREATEN THE CHURCH:

-Paul in Titus 1:1-3,

“Paul a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God’s elect and their knowledge of truth, which accords with godliness, in hope of eternal life, which God who never lies, promised before the ages began 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.”

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# The Situation in Crete

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TITUS 1:1-4

## 05 PRESSURES

- 01 Moral Lapse with believers

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- 02 Without Shepherding

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- 03 Disorder

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- 04 Deception of False Teachers

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- 05 Disconnect between their faith and their works

# The Necessity of Theological Truths

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TITUS 1:1-4

## THE RETURN

The solution for any church that needs correcting or strengthening begins with a return to sound doctrine.

The Cretan believers needed to be reminded of the gospel of grace and exhorted to good works motivated by the grace of God and the hope of eternal life.

## THE FOUNDATION

The themes in Titus 1:1-4: Justification, Sanctification, and Glorification were absolutely necessary to strengthen and establish a healthy church.

# Paul's Identity

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TITUS 1:1-4

## SERVANT OF GOD

### ATTITUDE

\*Doulos=translated slave, slaves have no rights of their own. They have been purchased and bought. Cretans needed to be reminded that they were purchased by God and bought by him. Titus 2:13, 14

## APOSTLE OF JESUS CHRIST

### AUTHORITY

\*Apostolos=messenger, delegate, one commissioned by another to represent him in some way. He was a representative of the king, functioning as an ambassador with king's authority. As an apostle, it gave weight to his letter.

# Paul's Ministry

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TITUS 1:1-4

## 01 FAITH OF THE ELECT

Paul was called to: The Faith of the Elect and their knowledge of the truth (Justification)

The elect are those chosen, picked out and sovereignly selected in eternity for salvation (Eph. 1:4, Rom. 8:30)

## 02 KNOWLEDGE OF TRUTH

The Knowledge of the Truth is the Gospel

## 03 GODLINESS

Accords with Godliness (Sanctification)

Accords with Godliness-The scope of the gospel is godliness, 1:6, 2:7, 2:14, 3:1, 3:8, 3:14, Reference 2:10, 3:14

Godliness in the text means real, true, spiritual relationship with God and is character and conduct determined by the principle of love or fear of God in the heart.

# Paul's Ministry

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TITUS 1:1-4

## ETERNAL LIFE (GLORIFICATION)

Our motivation to live Godly lives and manifests good works is not only grace but the hope of eternal life.

# HOPE

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OF ETERNAL LIFE

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Glorification=the fulfillment of salvation and its completion

# Paul's Theology

TITUS 1:1-4

The contrast between the promise of God and the lies of false teachers – verses: 2, 12.

## PROMISED

Eternal Life was promised before time began and was eternal.

## PREACHED

God manifested the message of eternal life through preaching.

## ETERNITY → TIME → ETERNITY

In short, Salvation and eternal life was promised in eternity, preached in time, and will be experienced fully in eternity.

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Paul was entrusted with this gospel by God our Saviour, who the author of our great salvation.

Titus is a true son in the faith (genuine Christian) in the common faith (core beliefs and principles of salvation).