

**Series "Order In The Church"**  
**"Standing For The Truth"**  
**Titus 1:1-4**  
**Study-1**

The Book of Titus – is called a "Pastoral Epistle" in which there are three: 1, 2 Timothy and Titus.

1 Timothy – (Sound Doctrine)

Titus – (Sound Behavior)

Overview Of Titus:

The Author – Titus 1:1 – "Paul,"

When Written – Probably in the year 62 or 63 AD.

Where it was Written – Written possibly in Macedonia or Ephesus.

Written To – Titus 1:4 – "To Titus,"

Titus 1:5

**Crete** – was located in the Mediterranean Sea, Southwest of Greece, Southwest of Asia Minor, North of Africa.

Reputation of the Island – **Titus 1:12**

There were many rebellious men that were active on this Island – **Titus 1:10-11**

**Background** – Paul visited Crete, it is believed, after he was released from his first imprisonment on his way to Ephesus, and upon his departure requested Titus remain and strengthen the Churches in every city on the Island.

**Purpose** – To Teach True Faith Produces Godliness.

**Theme** – Titus – "Order In The Church"

**Key Words** – Good – 11X, Good works – 6X, Faith – 5X, Sound – 5X.

**Key Chapter** – Titus 2

**Key Passage** – Titus 1:5

Titus 3:8

## **Outline –**

**Titus 1 – Godliness In The Church**

**Titus 2 – Godliness In The Individual/Home**

**Titus 3 – Godliness In The World**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** Paul, God's Bond-Servant Of The Truth Leading To Godliness, Was Entrusted With The Gospel And Its Proclamation.

**1. Verses 1-3 – The Writer**

**2. Verse 4 – The Reader**

**3. Verse 4 – The Greeting**

**1. Verses 1-3 – The Writer:**

Titus 1:1 – "Paul," – Latin, Paulus – "little"; Hebrew – Saul, A Roman citizen; Paul carried the names from birth.

Paul's Position: "a bond-servant of God" – This is the only time Paul uses this term.

"bond-servant" – doulos – describes "a bond slave; he is literally a slave that lives to please his master, one who gives himself up wholly to another's will."

2 Corinthians 5:15

Paul's Position: "and an apostle of Jesus Christ," – The term "apostle" – "one who is sent forth, carries the thought of official and authoritative sending with necessary equipment."

2 Corinthians 12:12

"Jesus" – Son of God at His incarnation; Joshua – "Jehovah saves";  
"Christ" – "anointed one".

Nature Of The Office: "for the faith" – or "according to the faith". The new revelation in Jesus Christ; Salvation is in Jesus alone.

"of those chosen of God" – Doctrine of Election; Those that have responded to the call of salvation. The Bible teaches that God has chosen in eternity, Eph 1:4; 2 Timothy 1:9; 2 Timothy 2:10.

"and the knowledge of the truth" – 1 John 4:6.

"godliness" – literally "god-likeness, or piety".

Verses 2-3 – Basis Of The Office: Titus 1:2 – “in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago,”

“in the hope of eternal life,” – literally “resting on hope of eternal life.”

“eternal life,” – present possession of all who place their faith in Jesus Christ. John 3:36; 1 John 5:11, 12.

God Is Contrasted To The Cretans: Titus 1:12

“which God, who cannot lie,” – literally “the un-lie-able God”.

“promised long ages ago,” – “the age-times, or the time of the ages”; from ancient times, 2 Timothy 1:9.

2 Timothy 1:1

1 John 2:25

1 John 5:13

Titus 1:3 – “but at the proper time manifested,” – “in His own season.”

“even His word,” – He means the Gospel in which the promise was embodied.

Function Of The Office: “proclamation” – the word concerns not so much the act of preaching as the content of the proclamation of the herald.

Paul’s Relation To That Gospel: “with which I was entrusted” – inescapable responsibility, 1 Corinthians 9:16.

“according to the commandment of God our Savior,” – Paul refers to God the Father as Savior – 6X in the pastoral epistles.

## **2. Verse 4 – The Reader:**

Titus 1:4

“To Titus,” – His name is used 13X, and of that, 9X it occurs in 2 Corinthians.

Galatians 2:3

2 Corinthians 12:18

"my true child" – (Titus & Timothy Special 1 Timothy 1:2)

"in a common faith:" – The term "common" – "all are in need of a Savior, shared by all that have the Savior."

### **3. Verse 4 – The Greeting:**

"Grace" – the essence of "grace" emphasizes "the constant outpouring of divine favor upon undeserving men", 2 Corinthians 8:9.

God's Saving Grace – Romans 3:24

God's Continued Grace – Hebrews 4:16

"and peace" – the term "peace", the results of God's grace of atonement.

"from God the Father" – "The Father" – source of all blessings, Ephesians 1:3.

"and Christ Jesus our Savior." – Jesus Christ is declared as true deity, Titus 1:3.

### **Application:**

1. Paul Identified Himself As A Bond-Servant Of God, No One Ever Becomes A Successful Servant Of God Until He Chooses To Make God's Will His Own Will.
2. Titus 1:1 – "the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness," Any Profession Of The Truth Which Allows An Individual To Live In Ungodliness Is A Counterfeit Profession.
3. The Letter Of Titus Is Addressed To Titus But It Is Not A Personal Letter. Because It Was Intended To Be Conveyed Through Titus As A Message To The Church.