

The Epistle to Titus – An Overview

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Setting the Stage

About Titus

- A Gentile, a Greek (Gal 2:3)
- Led to Christ by Paul (Titus 1:4)
- Testimony used as an example (Gal 2:12)
- Missionary partner to Paul (2 Cor 7:6-16; 8:16; 2 Cor 2:13; 7:6,13; 2 Tim 4:10)
- Served with Paul in Ephesus and to Corinth (2 Cor 8:6)
- In charge of the churches on the island of Crete (Titus 1:5)
- With Paul in prison in Rome (2 Tim 4:10)
- Sent by Paul to minister in Dalmatia (2 Tim 4:17)



Purpose of the Epistle

To warn
against false
teachers

To set in
order the
organization
of the
churches
and the
behavior of
the believers

To
encourage
Titus to
proclaim the
message of
sound
doctrine

Features of the Epistle

Pastoral

Personal

Ecclesiastical

Apologetic

Titus

1:1-4

- 1: Paul, a bondservant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect and the acknowledgment of the truth which accords with godliness,
- 2: in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began,
- 3: but has in due time manifested His word through preaching, which was committed to me according to the commandment of God our Savior;
- 4: To Titus, a true son in our common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior.



**A Servant
of God**

Call

Purpose

Message

Reward

Titus 1:5

- 5: For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you

Situation

- Deal with heretical teaching
- Lack of qualified leaders

Titus' Mission

- Preserve and pass on the sound doctrine he had been taught
- Train and appoint sound leaders who would do the same

Looking Ahead

Introduction (1:1-5)

Week
1

About Titus and Crete
Overview of the Epistle
The Ministry of God's Servant
Titus' Mission

Effective Leadership in the Church (1:6-16)

Week
2

Exceptional Relationships in the Church (2:1-15)

Week
3

Exemplary Conduct in the World (3:1-15)

Week
4

Recap and Applications

Week
5

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