



The saying is *trustworthy*, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to *devote themselves to good works*. These things are excellent and profitable for people.

*Titus 3:8*

## Introduction to Titus

This epistle is named for its recipient, Titus, who is mentioned by name thirteen times in the New Testament. Along with 1 and 2 Timothy, these letters to Paul's sons in the faith are called "The Pastoral Epistles."

Although Luke did not mention Titus by name in the book of Acts, it seems probable that Titus, a Gentile (Gal. 2:3), may have been led to faith in Christ by Paul (1:4) during the apostle's first missionary journey. Later, Titus ministered for a period of time with Paul on the island of Crete and was left behind to continue and strengthen the work (1:5).

Like Paul's two letters to Timothy, the apostle provides personal encouragement and counsel to a young pastor who, though well-trained and faithful, faced continuing opposition from ungodly men within the churches where he ministered. Titus was to pass on that encouragement and counsel to the leaders he was to appoint in the the churches (1:5).

## Study Questions • Week 1

**Titus 1:1-4 • READ**

### KEYS TO STUDYING SCRIPTURE

1. Ask what the original author's intended meaning was and is.
2. Read the passage in the current context and the greater context.
3. Consider how the original audience would have received or heard the words and from that, how they might apply to us today.

### QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER AS YOU STUDY

1. How does Paul describe his own role or authority in relation to the message he is conveying and why?
2. What promise might Paul be referencing in verse 2? When and how was this promise manifested?
3. What do we learn about Paul's relationship with Titus, how is it similar to his relationship with Timothy or how is it different?

### CROSS REFERENCES

Review references found your own Bible as well as...

2 Corinthians 7:13-16; 8:16-21, Galatians 2:1-3

### PRAYER

Spend time praying for the Holy Spirit's illumination as you study Scripture together throughout the Titus series.