

# TITUS

## OVERVIEW

### ❑ **AUTHOR : PAUL, THE APOSTLE**

*Titus 1: 1-- Paul, a bond-servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ*

### ❑ **Implication**

- ✓ confirms the inspiration of Scripture
- ✓ only apostles qualified to write Scriptures, or those delegated by apostles

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- ❑ **Date:** around 62-67 AD, a year before the Paul's death.
- ✓ Paul gave his last pastoral words before his death.
- ✓ Paul wrote 1 Timothy, Titus & 2 Timothy
- ✓ Paul left Timothy in Ephesus and Titus in Crete.
- ✓ a year later, Paul was tried and beheaded in Rome.

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- ❑ **Purpose:** *For this reason I left you in Crete, that you would set in order what remains and appoint elders in every city as I directed you, (Titus 1: 5)*
- ❑ **Situation:** possibly an infant and unsettled church in a pagan society, under the attack of false teachers.

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- **Big Idea:** Sound doctrine and godly living to build leaders/church (disciples) to witness to false teachers and impact the world.

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### □ Doctrines

- ✓ election (1: 1)
- ✓ veracity of God, (1: 2)
- ✓ spiritual life (faith, knowledge and hope-- 1:1)
- ✓ gospel ( 1: 3-4)
- ✓ salvation, redemption & sanctification ( 2: 11-14)
- ✓ salvation, regeneration & justification ( 3: 4-7)
- ✓ eschatology ( 1:2; 2: 13; 3: 7)

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### □ **Doctrines**

- ✓ God the Father & the plan of Salvation, 1: 1-3
- ✓ Jesus Christ & the plan of salvation, 2: 13-14
- ✓ Holy Spirit & the plan of salvation, 3: 5

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### □ The Priorities of a Spiritual Leader, (Titus 1: 1-3)

*1 Paul, a **bond-servant** of God and an **apostle** of Jesus Christ, for the **faith** of those **chosen** of God and the **knowledge** of the truth which is according to **godliness**, <sup>2</sup> in the **hope** of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago, <sup>3</sup> but at the proper time manifested, even **His word**, in the **proclamation** with which I was entrusted according to the **commandment** of God our Savior,*

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#### ☐ Commitment

*Titus 1: 1a---Paul, a **bond-servant** of God and an **apostle** of Jesus Christ*

- ✓ bond-servant (*doulos* in Greek & *ebed* in Hebrew)
- ✓ one who surrenders himself completely to the will and authority of another
- ✓ Saul in Hebrew ( mighty one) to Paul in Greek ( little one)

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#### ☐ Commitment

- ✓ apostle (*apostolos* in Greek)
- ✓ **messenger** sent on a mission with the authoritative credentials as the personal **representative** of another
- ✓ Paul couldn't be Christ's messenger unless he was Christ's slave

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#### ☐ Commitment

✓ Paul knew the Hebrew context of slavery

*Exodus 21: <sup>5</sup> But if the slave plainly says, 'I love my master, my wife and my children; I will not go out as a free man,'<sup>6</sup> then his master shall bring him to God, then he shall bring him to the door or the doorpost. And his master shall pierce his ear with an awl; and he shall serve him permanently.*

✓ Paul gave himself **voluntarily** to the will and authority of God

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#### ☐ Commitment

✓ NT uses of doulos (bond-servant)

*Romans 1: 1-- Paul, a **bond-servant** of Christ Jesus, called as an **apostle***

*Philippians 1:1--Paul and Timothy, **bond-servants** of Christ Jesus,*

*James 1: 1--James, a **bond-servant** of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,*

*2Peter 1: 1-- Simon Peter, a **bond-servant** and **apostle** of Jesus Christ,*

*Jude 1: 1--Jude, a **bond-servant** of Jesus Christ,*

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## □ OT uses of bond-servant

*Genesis 26:24* The LORD appeared to him the same night and said, "I am the God of your father Abraham; Do not fear, for I am with you. I will bless you, and multiply your descendants, For the sake of **My servant Abraham.**"

*Numbers 12:7* "Not so, with **My servant Moses**, He is faithful in all My household;

*2 Samuel 7: 5* "Go and say to **My servant David**, 'Thus says the LORD, "Are you the one who should build Me a house to dwell in?"

*Isaiah 53: 11b* By His knowledge the Righteous One, **My Servant**, will justify the many, As He will bear their iniquities.

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## □ Believer in Christ

*1Corinthians 7: <sup>22</sup> For he who was called in the Lord while a slave, is the Lord's freedman; likewise **he who was called while free, is Christ's slave.** <sup>23</sup> You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of men.*

*Mathew 6: <sup>24</sup> "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. **You cannot serve God and wealth.**"*

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## The Priorities of a Spiritual Leader (Titus 1: 1-3)

### □ Relationship of Commitment the theme of Titus

- ✓ when there is no commitment to Christ, there will not be committed **messengers**, hence the **message** will be polluted, **character of messengers and disciples** is corrupted, the church has **no arsenal** against false teachers and **no influence** in a pagan society.

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### Lessons for Us

- ✓ we can't serve God on our own terms, only on His own terms in his service
- ✓ our loyalty to Christ must be unwavering and unflinching if we want to be his messengers
- ✓ missionaries cannot choose where to go by checking out maps and weather conditions and then ask God to send them
- ✓ to be used by God, we need to seek his plans, not impose our plans on God.
- ✓ commitment in an organization demands that we seek the objectives of the organization, not our own objectives.
- ✓ commitment to God starts with little things, i.e. money, time, ability, talents
- ✓ Only in Christ we can find genuine commitment, (1Cor 6: 19-20)