

# Titus: The Right Man for the Job

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Series – Titus: Sound Doctrine, Sound Life (Part 7)

## Introduction

- I. Introduction: the Foundation of Sound Doctrine (1:1-4)
  - A. How Sound Doctrine Grippled Paul (1:1-3)
    - 1. Seen in his very identity (v. 1a)
    - 2. Seen in his mission (1:1b-3)
      - a. Its threefold goal (v. 1b)
      - b. Its basis (vv. 2-3)
        - i. Overview: God's three acts
        - ii. Close-up: the basis...
          - (1) Identified [hope of eternal life, v. 2a]
          - (2) Assured (vv. 2b)
            - (a) By the nature of God
            - (b) By the promise of God
          - (3) Communicated (v.3) FORM, TIME, and MEANS
            - (a) In what FORM – “He made His word apparent” – two emphases:
              - (i) First: “[the unlying God] made ...apparent”
              - (ii) Second: “He made His word apparent”
            - (b) At what TIME – “in His own seasons”
            - (c) By what MEANS – “in the proclamation with which I myself was entrusted, by order of our Savior God”
              - (i) Its nature: “proclamation” [κήρυγμα]
              - (ii) Its authority: [sc. the nature of the means God chose, the proclamation of His word]
  - 3. What we learn
    - a. Summarized
    - b. Applied
- B. **How Sound Doctrine Grippled Titus (1:4)**
  - to Titus, genuine child in accord with *our* shared faith: grace and<sup>1</sup> peace, from God the Father, and Christ Jesus our Savior. (Pastor Phillips' *ad hoc* translation)
  - 1. Expressed in Paul's assessment
    - a. Who Titus was to Paul
      - i. “Genuine child”
        - NOTE:** a “**polemic**” remark is a point made to fault or refute an opposing position; “**polemics**” is the art of constructing an argument against an opposing position.
    - ii. Exhibit A

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<sup>1</sup>Many Greek manuscripts have “mercy” instead of “and.”

iii. Go-to guy

iv. Treasured co-laborer

b. What Titus shared with Paul

i. What it is: “shared faith”

ii. Why it is huge

(1) Because of what the Gospel did for Paul and Titus

(2) Because of what the Gospel can do in Crete

(3) Because of what it says about the false teachers

2. Expressed in Paul’s blessing

a. What Paul prays for

i. “Grace”

ii. “Peace”

b. Who Paul prays to

i. “God the Father”

ii. “Christ Jesus our Savior”

iii. The pairing