

GOD’S SCHOOL OF SOUL FISHING! Titus 1-3

Titus 1:1 → *Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness; ‘...According to the faith of God’s elect...’ ‘TO STIMULATE FAITH in God’s Chosen’ ‘Charged to strengthen the faith of God’s elect...’*

I. There are several references to “God our Savior”; “Jesus Christ our Savior” — Why? (1:3; 1:4; 2:10; 2:13; 3:4; 3:6)

II. In all NEW TESTAMENT letters the Holy Spirit calls the Church repeatedly to:

1. Sound D _____
2. Holiness/P _____
3. Love/forgiveness/M _____
4. Good W _____

Matt. 5:16— *Let your light so shine before men, **that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father** which is in heaven.*

Phil. 2:14-16— *Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, **in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life;** that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.*

John 13:34-35— *A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. **By this shall all men know** that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.*

John 17:20-23—..... **“that the world my know that Thou hast sent Me...”**

III. SPECIFIC SOUL FISHING LESSONS IN TITUS!

A. Chapter 1:5-11 — Church life: Leadership and Congregations in whom and through whom JESUS IS SEEN! → Living Visuals!

1. Elders

2. The entire Congregation

3. Elders lead in protecting the church from ungodly ones **on the inside:**
Titus 1:10-16

B. Chapter 2:1-8— PERSONAL LIFE and Home life.

Titus 2:1-8

Titus 2:9-10

QUESTION: How do these matters relate to the School of Soul Fishing?

Titus 2:5b _____

Titus 2:8 _____

Titus 2:10 _____

Titus 3:8 _____

1 Pet. 2:11-12 / 1 Peter 2:11-12 / 1 Peter 3:1-5 / Titus 2:11-14

**Psalm 40:1-3 / Psalm 51:12-15 / Psalm 69:30-32 /
 Psalm 73:13-17**

What we are seeing is God's method for carrying out the evangelistic mission of the Church! **GOD'S METHOD in Soul Fishing is,**

1. Changed lives.
2. Taught doctrine that relates to life.
3. Christians full of love, FORGIVENESS,
4. Christians full of holiness, PURITY.
5. Christians full of good works.

C. Life out in the world → Titus 3:1-8

QUESTION: **How are we to relate to the unbelieving world?**

1. Let us remember our duty: Titus 3:1-2

Titus 3:1—respect and obey the powers that be!

(Matt. 17:24-27; 22:21; Rom. 13:1-8; I Pet. 2:11-17; I Tim. 2:1-2).

1. Be ready to do what is good.
2. Don't slander or speak ill or evil of anyone.
3. Avoid quarreling/don't be contentious or argumentative.
4. Be gentle/conciliatory forbearing.
5. "Lose no opportunity to show courtesy" to the world around us.

In the midst of a world of ungodly people and rulers and government:

1. God has a saving purpose.
2. We will not give the Gospel to the lost if we do not maintain these attitudes.
3. And when we might try → they will not listen if we are not living before them according to Titus 3:1-2.

2. Titus 3:3— God calls us to remember our own past!

Have I forgotten who I was and the only cure?

Who I was: Titus 3:3; Eph. 2:1-3; Rom. 3:22-23.

The only cure: Titus 3:4-7; Eph. 2:4-10.

1. Oh, how wrong for the Christian to despise sinners...
2. How wrong to battle against sinners with carnal weapons.
3. And how wrong to never give them the Gospel out of hearts of love and compassion...
in other words,

by MEANS OF A LIVING VISUAL!... AS WELL AS WITH WORDS!

3. Titus 3:8. Let us remember our God-given mission:

It matters not how bad our world gets, we have a God-given mission:

1. In our Church life.
2. In our home life.
3. Out in the midst of the world → We are to live lives full and overflowing with: Sound doctrine / Holiness / Love. Honoring authority. Loving sinners. Being careful to do good works.

For these are good and profitable for all men!

Titus 2:5; 2:8; 2:10; 3:8

God is calling all of His children— ***“You shall be My witnesses...!”***

1. Do any of here today have some repenting to do _____?
2. Will there be any cultivation of relationships this week _____?
3. Will there be people invited this week, to be here next Sunday _____?
4. Will you need the baptistery in coming weeks because _____?
5. Will the truth about God, our Savior, be attractive to the lost this week because:

Holiness / Love / Sound doctrine / Good works, etc. are flowing through you _____?