

- 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.

Titus 1: 1-4

Who is Titus?

Titus was a Greek early Christian leader. Titus is not mentioned in the Book of Acts but it is clear that he was a trusted brother and worker. He was a co-worker in the Gospel with the Apostle Paul. Titus was sent to Corinth and Crete by Paul (2 Cor 7:6, 8:16)

When and Purpose?

It is likely that this letter to Titus was written from Ephesus in the autumn of 67AD. Titus is a pastoral letter intended to offer encouragement and wisdom.

Introduction V1-4

Paul begins his letter by introducing himself as a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ. The Greek word, "doulos" can also be translated as slave or bondservant. Paul introduces the theme and purpose of the book as good works with the term godliness. He encourages believers to acknowledge God's truth with godliness. He writes that God cannot lie. The literal translation of this from the Greek is "free from deceit" Paul's desire is that Christians live a godly life.

1. What does it mean to be a servant of God? _____
2. How do we live a God honouring life? _____

Promises of God

The promises of God strengthen our faith and trust in Him. They serve as a reminder that God will never leave nor forsake us. The promises of God are sure and true. They are written in Scripture to cause us to place our hope and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Even the promises of God that are yet to be fulfilled such as the second coming of Christ are recorded not if it happens but when. This ought to cause us to trust even more in the Word of God and the Lord Himself.

3. The promises of God, the Father in salvation. What has God promised in Salvation?
4. The promises of God, the Son in eternal life. What are the promises of eternal life?
5. The promises of God, the Holy Spirit. What are the benefits of the Holy Spirit dwelling within us?