

**TITUS:**  
**THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE GRACE OF GOD  
AND THE FUNCTION OF THE CHURCH**  
**The Salutation and the Purpose of the Letter to Titus**  
**( Titus 1:1-5 )**  
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**I. The Role and Responsibility of Paul**

- A. *Bondservant* – slave of God
- B. *Apostle of Jesus Christ* – Authoritative Messenger from God to accomplish specific purposes
- C. *To bring about the faith of God's elect* – to be an instrument used of God to bring salvation to those who will be saved by God
- D. *To teach the content of the Gospel* – God commanded Paul to present the person and work of Jesus Christ that results in the deliverance of individuals from sinners to saints for all those who trust in the person and work of Jesus Christ; this results in eternal life
- E. *To teach the necessity of living a life of Godliness* – a life of devotion to God manifesting itself in sanctification and service unto the Lord as a result of one's salvation
- F. *To share the hope of eternal life* – the confident expectation of embracing the full expression of existence with God that starts now but will culminate in eternity with God

**II. The Salutation and Direction to Titus**

- A. *My true child in the common faith* – spiritual son who was brought to embrace the Gospel of Jesus Christ by Paul, as well as mentored by Paul; legitimate child of God coming to faith through Paul's presentation of the Gospel; learning how to live the faith through the mentoring of Paul
- B. *Grace and Peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior* – be encouraged with the reality of your everlasting favor and harmony with God and the tranquility from God that you have
- C. *For this reason I left you in Crete to set in order what remains* – to protect the church from heresy and ungodliness; to guide people into the habitual practice of learning sound doctrine and the habitual practice of godly living and engaging in good deeds.
- D. *For this reason I left you in Crete to appoint elders in every city as I directed you* – to appoint men who are given the responsibility for shepherding the Body of Christ; men who

have the functional, comprehensive oversight of God's people to manage according to God's will/agenda. They are responsible for:

1. Teaching the body biblical truth
2. Leading the Church in a direction that fulfills the Kingdom agenda
3. Watching over (shepherding) those in the local church
4. Warning those in the local church against impending dangers
5. Maintaining order, unity and holiness within the body
6. Overseeing all aspects of the church

*(Scripture References: Ephesians 4:11-17, Acts 20:28, Hebrews 13:17, 1 Peter 5:1-4, Titus 1:5-9)*

### **III. The Key Points We Must Consider for Ourselves in This:**

- A. Paul was a slave to God and a slave to the service he was ordained to carry out to the glory of God and the benefit of others in the church and abroad.
  1. Are you a slave of God?
  2. If so, are you living as His slave?
  3. Are you a slave to the work God has ordained for you?
  4. If so, what local church members are receiving the benefit of your slavery?
- B. The Church was created by God to be organized around a life of devotion to God, manifesting in the habitual practice of learning sound doctrine and the habitual practice of godly living and engaging in good deeds within the church and abroad.
  1. Is your life organized around devotion to God?
  2. If so, how is it demonstrated within your local church and abroad?
  3. Are you engaged in the habitual practice of learning sound doctrine and godly living within the church and abroad?
  4. Are you engaged in the habitual practice of good deeds within the church and abroad?
- C. God expects the leaders of the church to protect the church from heresy and ungodliness, and to guide every member of the church into devotion to God accordingly within the church and abroad.
  1. If you are a leader, are you protecting the church from heresy and ungodliness? Are you guiding members into devotion to God accordingly within the church and abroad? Are you slacking in your duties?
  2. If you are a member, are you helping the leadership protect the church from heresy and ungodliness? Are you helping the leadership guide members into devotion to God accordingly within the church and abroad?
  3. Are you one of the people that leadership has to protect others from?
  4. Are you allowing the leadership to protect you and guide you by submitting to their guidance and guardrails as proven to be biblical?