

Resources

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Titus 1:1-4

[1] Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness, [2] in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began [3] and at the proper time manifested in his word through the preaching with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior;

[4] To Titus, my true child in a common faith:

Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

Sermon Outline:

Life Group Leader Notes:



Weekly Discussion Guide

Pastor Scott began with a prayer for the heavy and complex situations in our world. This was a good reminder that you can always flex on your plans when you discern that the members of your group are carrying heavy burdens. Feel free to take extra time to intercede for the various needs in your group and in the world as the Spirit leads.

Who are you? When you introduce yourself to someone, how do you describe yourself? Do you talk about your family or what you do? What did you learn in this sermon that might impact the way that you think and talk about yourself?

Think about how Paul described himself. (It might be worth reading Philippians chapter 3 and the introduction to his letters). What elements did he focus on? How do you think he arrived at this description of himself? How can you become more like Paul in the way that you talk about yourself?

The Heidelberg Catechism begins with the question: *What is your only comfort in life and death?* How would you answer that question? The catechism answers with these words: *That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.* How is this truth comforting? How often do you remember that you are not your own, but belong to Christ? How did Paul remember that in his introduction to Titus (*he was a bondservant*)? Do you ever describe yourself as a slave to God? How might your life change if you daily remembered that you were bought by God? How can you remind each other in the life group that you belong to God?

Paul also described himself as an *Apostle*, or someone who had been sent by Jesus Christ. Do you see yourself as someone who is *sent*? Are you aware that you have a mission from Jesus? How does that guide your life?

Paul was called to be an apostle for 3 reasons:

First, *for the faith of God's chosen*. Pastor Scott reminded us that God's job is to choose and save people; our job is to proclaim the message of the gospel. How does that truth encourage you? Are you growing in your love for the lost? How can your life group help you continue to grow in your love for the lost?

Second, *for the knowledge of Godliness-producing truth*. Are you growing in your knowledge of God? Do you know him more than you did a year ago? How can your life group help one another grow in your love & knowledge of God?

Third, *for the hope of God-promised Eternal Life*. We can rest assured that we will inherit eternal life, because God promised that it will happen. Titus reminds us that *God does not lie*. This is a very simple and elementary truth, but it is profound and comforting. How did this comfort you?

