

PULPIT CURRICULUM First Baptist Church of Tyrone

Introduction to Titus

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Bible Reading

Titus 1:5-9 (ESV)

This is why I left you in Crete, so that you might put what remained into order, and appoint elders in every town as I directed you— if anyone is above reproach, the husband of one wife, and his children are believers and not open to the charge of debauchery or insubordination. For an overseer, as God’s steward, must be above reproach. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered or a drunkard or violent or greedy for gain, but hospitable, a lover of good, self-controlled, upright, holy, and disciplined. He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

Titus 2:11-14 (ESV)

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Observation Questions

1. What specific character qualities are required for church leaders in Titus 1:6-8? How do these differ from cultural ideas of leadership?

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2. According to Titus 2:11-14, what does God's grace train believers to do? What future hope motivates this transformation?

3. What practical instructions does Paul give for how believers should interact with outsiders in Titus 3:1-2?

4. The sermon emphasized that church structure is "God's plan to display His glory." What specific examples of this structure were highlighted?

Interpretation Questions

1. Why is holding firmly to "the trustworthy word" (Titus 1:9) essential for leaders to address false teaching? How does this protect the church's witness?

2. Titus 2:10 says good works "adorn the doctrine of God." What does it mean for actions to "adorn" or beautify the gospel? How does this relate to the world's perception of Christianity?

3. Paul insists that authority in the church flows from Christ through His Word, not personal charisma. Why might churches today drift toward valuing personality over biblical qualifications?

4. Titus 3:10-11 instructs believers to avoid divisive people after two warnings. How does this balance grace and truth? When is separation necessary for church health?

Application Questions

1. Leaders are called to be “above reproach” (Titus 1:7). How can you prayerfully evaluate or support current leaders in your church to uphold this standard?

2. Grace “trains us to renounce ungodliness” (Titus 2:12). What worldly passion or habit do you need God’s grace to help you reject this week? What practical step will you take?

3. The sermon stressed that obedience reveals genuine faith. What area of your life (e.g., speech, relationships, work) most clearly demonstrates the gospel’s transforming power? Where is growth needed?

4. How can you “show perfect courtesy toward all people” (Titus 3:2) in a polarized culture? Name one person or group you struggle to engage gently. How will you intentionally reflect Christ to them?

5. Good works are meant to meet “urgent needs” (Titus 3:14). What urgent need in your community (inside or outside the church) could you address with Christlike compassion this month?
