

UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Henry Cowell Camping Connections Trip - October 17th - 20th
 - Forensic Faith Conference - Saturday, October 19th @ 9 am
 - CityTeam Outreach - Saturday, October 19th
 - Altamoms - Thursday, October 24th @ 7 pm
 - Women's Day at CityTeam Oakland - Friday, October 25th
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- Women's Harvest Brunch - Saturday, November 2nd @ 9:30 am
 - Kids Against Hunger Food Packing Event - Saturday, November 9th
 - Goodguys Church Service - Sunday, November 10th @ 10am
 - Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Week - November 18th - 25th

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SONGS & SERMONS

- "Because He Lives" - Gloria Gaither, William J. Gaither
- "Your Grace is Enough" - Matt Maher
- "Cornerstone" - William B. Bradbury, Eric Liljero, Reuben Morgan, Edward Mote, J. Myrin
- "Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)" - Edwin Othello Excell, Joel Houston, John Newton, John P. Rees, Jonas Myrin
- "Forever" - Christa Black Gifford, Kari Jobe, Brian & Jenn Johnson, Joel Taylor, G. Wilson

To listen or watch today's message, visit www.vbc.online/media

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Operating Budget Need.....\$34,434.00
Y-T-D General Fund Need.....\$1,377,360.00

Giving Last Week.....\$92,409.00
Y-T-D Giving.....\$1,353,105.00

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SUNDAY 10/13/19 | MUSIC: SHAWN HOELSCH | MESSAGE: TIM J.

MESSAGE NOTES

Titus 1:1-5

Setting the Stage: Historical Background

1. The Apostle Paul and his young partner, Titus, were serving together on the island of Crete as church planters.
2. Paul had to leave Crete, but left Titus there to complete the work.
3. Paul then wrote Titus a brief letter providing him with instructions for setting the churches of Crete in line with God's plan for local church governance.

An Invaluable Introduction

Paul identifies himself, greets his audience, and gives his reason for writing. (1:1-5)

1. Paul: Humble missionary... (1a)

Titus 1:1a *Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ,*

- a. ...tasked with teaching God's people lifestyle obedience to Jesus. (1b)

Titus 1:1b *for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness,*

- b. ...fulfilling his calling confidently under God's faithfulness. (2-3)

Titus 1:2 *in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began³ 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;*



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2. Titus: Paul's young apprentice and successor. (4)

Titus 1:4 *To Titus, my true child in a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.*

3. Paul's Intent: To direct Titus in correctly ordering the newly planted churches in Crete. (5)

Titus 1:5 *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—*

Why did Paul care about church order?

God appointed Paul to reveal His design for the local church.

Eph. 3:8 *To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things,¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord,*

An Overview of Core Themes

Main Thrust: Orderly church life promotes godly living.

1. **Pastoral Integrity:** Qualifications for and responsibilities of church leadership, especially in regard to teaching (1:5-9; 2:1, 7, 15; 3:1-2, 8-11, 14)
2. **Pernicious Influence:** Destructive nature of false teaching, and the fitting response from leadership (1:9-16; 3:10-11)
3. **Personal Outcomes:** Link between content of teaching and the effects it has upon the hearers:
 - a. Sound Doctrine → Godliness (1:1, 5-9; 2:1-14; 3:1-8, 14)
 - b. False Teaching → Chaos & spiritual stagnation (1:10-11; 3:9)

Application

1. Read or listen to Titus all the way through once per week as if you were Titus himself, working to understand Paul's words to you.
2. Jot down any new observations you make and compare them to what is taught during the Titus series.
3. Engage with the teaching team as you discover new insights, different understandings, and experience personal growth.