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# TITUS: SERVANTS OF GOD

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Titus 1:1-4

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TITUS  
BUILDING A  
COMMUNITY OF  
FAITH



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## Background

- Author: Paul
  - Recipient: Titus
    - Trust companion of Paul
    - Greek Gentile
  - Early church in Crete
  - Written in mid 60's ad after first Roman imprisonment
  - Written to assist Titus in maturing the Cretan church
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## Titus 1:1-4

Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ to further the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness— 2 in the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time, 3 and which now at his appointed season he has brought to light through the preaching entrusted to me by the command of God our Savior,

4 To Titus, my true son in our common faith:

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

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## Paul: A servant of God

- “Paul, a **servant** of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ to further the faith of God’s elect and their knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness”
- Slave

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## Acts 9:1-6

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord. He went to the high priest **2** and requested letters from him to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any men or women who belonged to the Way, he might bring them as prisoners to Jerusalem. **3** As he traveled and was nearing Damascus, a light from heaven suddenly flashed around him. **4** Falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?”

**5** “Who are You, Lord?” he said.

**6** “I am Jesus, the One you are persecuting,” He replied. **6** “But get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.”

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## Paul: An Apostle of Jesus Christ

- “Paul, a servant of God and an **apostle** of Jesus Christ to further the faith of God’s elect and their knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness”
  - Sent
  - One who is sent with a task
  - Focus is on the sender and their concerns
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## Romans 11:33

Oh, the depths of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and paths beyond tracing out!

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“We are challenged these days, but not changed; convicted, but not converted. We hear, but do not; and thereby we deceive ourselves.”

~ D. J. Hester

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Peter 2:21

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps

I Corinthians 11:23-28 23

Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. 24 Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. 25 Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, 26 I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. 27 I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. 28 Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches.

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**Why would Paul choose to be a slave?**

**Because God is so much greater...**

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