

**Greek words used today:**

**Following the Message:**

- 1) **Ch 1-** qualifications of the church leadership  
**Ch 2-** character and conduct within the church  
**Ch 3-** character and conduct of the church in the world  
 Titus is **EVANGELISTIC**- purpose is to prepare to be an effective witness
- 2) Vs 1 Paul calls himself a **BOND-SERVANT**, meaning he owned nothing. He had no life to call his own. All was subject to his Master, every thought and every effort. To be a **CHRIST FOLLOWER** in the fullest sense is to be a bond-servant of God.
- 3) Vs 1 Paul is also called an **APOSTLE**, meaning one who is sent with a specific message and speaking with the authority of the one who sent him. **AUTHORITY** did not derive from the messenger but from the sender
- 4) The two objectives for the church which Paul was directly given by Jesus were to advance **FAITH** and **KNOWLEDGE**.
- 5) According to Vs 1 our **FAITH** is intricately linked with a **FULL** and **COMPLETE** "knowledge of the truth".
- 6) The "Truth" Paul speaks of is **SAVING** truth, the truth of the gospel. Accordingly, the "**Knowledge**" of God's truth produces **GODLINESS**.
- 7) According to Vs 2, the "hope" of our promised eternal life is **ASSURED** because it is grounded in the absolute **CHARACTER** of God.
- 8) Vs 3 *The "proclamation"* (Kerugma) is an **EXPOSITORY** teaching of the Word of God; because this is missing in most churches today the people of God are starving for the **TRUTH**. The "Proclamation" represents an **UNCOMPROMISING** commitment to God's message.
- 9) Vs 4 A deep and personal bond developed between Paul and Titus as co-laborers and in their mentoring relationship; for this reason Paul referred to his dear friends as his "**TRUE CHILD**" in the faith.
- 10) The "*common faith*" spoken of in Vs 4 refers to saving faith, which Titus shared in **COMMON** with Paul and each of us share in today.

**Doulos** (bond-servant) Gk- owned nothing, not even his own clothes- required to carry other's burdens. Totally reliant on their master's provision and direction.

**Apostolos** ap-os'-tol-os; Gk- a *delegate*; specially an *ambassador* of the Gospel; officially a *commissioner* of Christ:- he that is sent

**Eklektos** ek-lek-tos'; Gk- *select*; by implication *favorite*:- chosen, elect

**Epignosis** ep-ig'-no-sis;Gk- clear perception of truth; *recognition*, full *discernment*

**Kerugma** kay'-roog-mah; a *proclamation* (especially of the gospel):- preaching; to *herald* (as a public *crier*), especially divine truth:- to proclaim

**Thoughts to consider in the week ahead:**

Paul called Titus "*My true child in the faith*", giving him a rich identity-

**What is your identity**- what is it that marks your life? To what are you personally committed?

**What is your calling**? In what life direction are you personally headed?

**Who are you** cultivating a deep and intimate relationship with? Who are you personally pouring into?

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**How can I live the principles of this message?**

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**How might these issues affect my prayer life this week?**

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