

INTRODUCTION TO
Titus

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WHERE IS IT IN THE BIBLE?

- 53. 2 THESSALONIANS
- 54. 1 TIMOTHY
- 55. 2 TIMOTHY
- 56. TITUS**
- 57. PHILEMON
- 58. HEBREWS
- 59. JAMES

KEY VERSES

Titus 2:11-14, *“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, instructing us to deny godlessness and worldly lusts and to live in a sensible, righteous, and godly way in the present age, while we wait for the blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people for his own possession, eager to do good works.”*

KEY THEMES

1. Ecclesiology. This letter includes a description of what God has designed for the church, and what the Holy Spirit produces in a healthy church.
2. The character of God and His relationship to His people. God’s faithfulness and truthfulness (1:2), His rule over the church (1:5-6), His unmerited favor toward His people, and His glorious manifestation.
3. The doctrine of salvation. God has purified believers, justified believers, assured believers of eternity, and He continues to cleanse the lives of believers.
4. The past, present and future of believers. Regarding the past, the book reminds us of where we were rescued. With respect to the present, what we are now in Christ is affirmed. And regarding the future, our true hope is announced—The glorious manifestation of our God and Savior Jesus Christ.

BOOK BASICS



DATE
Mid 60s AD



TYPE
Epistle



AUTHOR
Paul

This book was written by the Apostle Paul to his spiritual son and apostolic delegate Titus, who was on the island of Crete concluding the ministerial tasks that Paul had entrusted to him. Crete, a large island located in southern Greece, had been part of the Pauline ministerial work where both Jewish and Gentile believers had been reached by the Gospel.

This letter is one of the so-called pastoral epistles. Although there is no consensus on the date this letter was written, Paul probably wrote it in the mid-60s AD. As part of the Pastoral Letters, it has clear similarities with 1 and 2 Timothy.

BASIC STRUCTURE

3 CHAPTERS

