

Trinity Bible Church

The Carpenter's House

September 22, 2013

The Message:

Introduction to Titus:

The Kindness of God to us

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Sep 22 Deacons' Meeting.
Wednesday Sep 25 Deacons and the Church.
Sunday Oct 6 The Lord's Table.
Saturday Oct 12 Men's Fellowship Breakfast.

- ** Please keep the missions fund in your prayers as the offerings are not keeping up with the support.
** Please keep Glenhaven in your prayers as they are facing financial difficulties.

	August	Total 2013	General Fund	Building Fund	Missions YTD
Income	\$ 7,321.00	\$64,253.00		\$ 6,302.27	\$10,551.00
Expenses	5,721.36	57,357.43		Benevolence	11,211.00
Balance	1,599.64	6,895.57	\$ 21,562.78	\$ 494.85	-\$660.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

Praise and Worship

The Message:

The Use of Law in the Church Age:

Principles of Honor

PAUL HARVEY'S 'IF I WERE THE DEVIL' TRANSCRIPT

If I were the devil ... If I were the Prince of Darkness, I'd want to engulf the whole world in darkness. And I'd have a third of it's real estate, and four-fifths of its population, but I wouldn't be happy until I had seized the ripest apple on the tree — Thee. So I'd set about however necessary to take over the United States. I'd subvert the churches first — I'd begin with a campaign of whispers. With the wisdom of a serpent, I would whisper to you as I whispered to Eve: 'Do as you please.'

"To the young, I would whisper that 'The Bible is a myth.' I would convince them that man created God instead of the other way around. I would confide that what's bad is good, and what's good is 'square.' And the old, I would teach to pray, after me, 'Our Father, which art in Washington...'

"And then I'd get organized. I'd educate authors in how to make lurid literature exciting, so that anything else would appear dull and uninteresting. I'd threaten TV with dirtier movies and vice versa. I'd pedal narcotics to whom I could. I'd sell alcohol to ladies and gentlemen of distinction. I'd tranquilize the rest with pills.

"If I were the devil I'd soon have families that war with themselves, churches at war with themselves, and nations at war with themselves; until each in its turn was consumed. And with promises of higher ratings I'd have mesmerizing media fanning the flames. If I were the devil I would encourage schools to refine young intellects, but neglect to discipline emotions — just let those run wild, until before you knew it, you'd have to have drug sniffing dogs and metal detectors at every schoolhouse door.

"Within a decade I'd have prisons overflowing, I'd have judges promoting pornography — soon I could evict God from the courthouse, then from the schoolhouse, and then from the houses of Congress. And in His own churches I would substitute psychology for religion, and deify science. I would lure priests and pastors into misusing boys and girls, and church money. If I were the devil I'd make the symbols of Easter an egg and the symbol of Christmas a bottle.

"If I were the devil I'd take from those, and who have, and give to those wanted until I had killed the incentive of the ambitious. And what do you bet? I could get whole states to promote gambling as thee way to get rich? I would caution against extremes and hard work, in Patriotism, in moral conduct. I would convince the young that marriage is old-fashioned, that swinging is more fun, that what you see on the TV is the way to be. And thus I could undress you in public, and I could lure you into bed with diseases for which there is no cure. In other words, if I were the devil I'd just keep right on doing on what he's doing. Paul Harvey, good day."

Titus

(Christ: The Kindness of God to Us)

Introduction:

1. **Author and Name of Book:** Paul
2. **Date of Writing:** A.D. 65
3. **The Purposes:**
 - (A) To instruct Titus about what he should do to correct the matters that were lacking in order to properly establish the churches in Crete.
 - (B) To give Titus personal authorization in view of the opposition he was facing. 2:15; 3:1-15
 - (C) To give instruction on how to meet this opposition and special instructions concerning faith and conduct;
 - (D) To warn about false teachers. 1:5, 10-11; 2:1-8, 15; 3:1-11
 - (E) To express his plans to join Titus again in Nicopolis. 3:12
4. **The Theme** is to show how the grace of God that appeared to us in the saving life and death of Christ instructs us to deny ungodliness and to live righteously and soberly as a people full of good works that are in keeping with the doctrine of God. 2:10-3:9
5. **Important issues:**
 - A. Qualifications for elders. 1:5-9
 - B. Instructions to various age groups. 2:1-8
 - C. Relationship to government. 3:1-2
 - D. Relationship of regeneration to human works and the Holy Spirit. 3:5
 - E. The role of grace in promoting good works. 2:11-3:8
6. **Christ as Seen in Titus:**
 - A. The Deity of Jesus. 2:13
 - B. His Work of Redemption. 2:12

Outline:

1. Salutation and Opening Greetings (1:1-4)
2. Officers of the Church (1:5-9)
3. Offenders in the Church (1:10-16)
4. Operation of the Church (2:1-3:11)
 - A. Healthy doctrine for older men. 2:1-2
 - B. Healthy doctrine for older women. 2:3-5
 - C. Healthy doctrine for younger men. 2:6-8
 - D. Healthy doctrine for bondservants. 2:9-10
 - E. Application of Healthy Doctrine. 2:11-14
 - F. Exhortation to Proclaim Healthy Doctrine. 2:15
5. Foundations of Healthy Doctrine. 3:1-11
 - A. All fall short. 3:1-3
 - B. A gospel of grace. 3:4-7
 - C. Engage in good deeds. 3:8
 - D. Avoid those who disagree. 3:9-11
6. Final Instructions and Greetings (3:12-15)

Titus 1:1 = Paul, the Writer.

1:1 C.T./L.T. = Paul, a bondservant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to faith of elect ones of God, and *according to* the full knowledge of truth, the *truth which is* according to godliness,

Summary:

1. Paul is one who has chosen to serve.
2. He is sent out with authority (an apostle) from Jesus the Messiah.
 - A. He is not an apostle according to the call of man. Gal 1:1-2
 - B. But called to an apostle according to the Will and Command of God. Rom 1:1; 1 Cor 1:1; 2 Cor 1:1; Eph 1:1; Col 1:1; 1 Tim 1:1; 2 Tim 1:1
 - C. Believers with the temporary gifts could and did verify this calling.
3. Both his bondservice and apostleship were subject to scrutiny by the full knowledge of truth, namely that he was not communicating falsehood.
4. Truth is tested in part by its reverence toward God.

Principle: True _____ are God-given and verified by truth and godliness.

Titus 1:2 = The Unchanging God.

1:2 C.T./L.T. = based upon the confident expectation of eternal life, which the unlying God, promised at a point of time before a chronology of eternity,

Summary:

1. Godliness is sought based on the confident expectation of eternal life.
2. Eternal life is guaranteed by the promise of a God who cannot lie.
3. This truth has existed before anything else ever came into existence.

Principle: God's promises are _____ of believing, for He does not lie nor change.

Titus 1:3 = The Manifestation of God.

1:3 C.T./L.T. = but in its own season He made visible His Word by an authoritative proclamation, with which I myself was given a faith message according to an order from the God our Savior,

Summary:

1. God revealed His Word through an amazing Life. John 1:1,14
2. It was perfectly timed.
3. The Father revealed His Son. Matt 3:17; 17:5
4. The Apostle Paul picked up the proclamation and told others of it.
5. Paul the Apostle was placed into the structure of the Church and was given commandment what to do. Acts 9:10-16

Principle: God's timing and message is perfect so what are we going to ___ with it?

Titus 1:4 = The Recipient-Titus.

1:4 C.T./L.T. = to Titus, my legitimate child, according to a common faith: Grace and peace from God *the* Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

Principle: Be a _____ and pass on the faith.

Honor and the Christian Life.

1. Personal honor will not _____ a person from hell, but is an integral part of the Christian life. Titus 3:5-7
2. Christian leaders are required to live honorable lives to be “_____.” 1 Tim 3:1-2; Titus 1:7
3. As Believers, our thoughts are to _____ and dwell on honorable things. Php 4:8
 - A. This would exclude how to use others or manipulate circumstances for personal gain.
 - B. It would include speaking the whole truth.
4. Honorable things are _____ by the Word of God. 1 Tim 1:8-11
5. Sinful lifestyles are not to be honored but _____. Rom 6:12-14
6. Christian honor flees _____ lifestyles. 1 Tim 6:10-11
7. Christian honor lives a _____ life. Titus 2:11-12
8. Christians, as partakers of the Divine Nature, honor God by living _____ lives, growing in love. 2 Peter 1:4-10
9. Christian honor speaks _____ to one another. Eph 4:25
10. Christian honor recognizes the _____ of others. Rom 12:10-11
11. Christian honor avoids _____ of grace. Jude 4
 - A. Grace is distorted when it becomes a _____ to sin. Gal 5:13-14
 - B. Grace is distorted when the _____ to our Lord is forgotten. Heb 10:26-30
 - C. While it is true that all sin is sin, it is equally true that different sins carry different _____ consequences.
12. Christian honor exposes _____. Eph 5:1-16
13. Christian honor in the last days will be _____. 2 Tim 3:1-6