

A scenic autumn landscape featuring a pond in the foreground, surrounded by trees with vibrant orange, red, and yellow foliage. A white arrow with a black outline points to the right, positioned in the center of the image.

Welcome To
Sunday Night Bible Fellowship

“We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ.” Col 1:28

“Saved by God to be a Slave of God to be Sent from God”

Titus 1:1-3

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Introduction To Titus

- Titus was written in approx. 64 A.D.
- Titus was written from Nicopolis

Titus 3:12

12 When I send Artemas or Tychicus to you, make every effort to come to me at Nicopolis,

- Titus was written by Paul to Titus.
- Titus was written to instruct Titus how the church is to conduct itself internally and externally in the world.
- Titus therefore is a part of what we call the “Pastoral Epistles” – 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus.
- Titus could not be more relevant for us to study as it addresses the crises we see in the church today and in the culture and society in which we live here in the 21st century:
 - A. The high calling of church leadership.**
 - B. The godly lifestyle of church members.**
 - C. The calling of the church living in a hostile world.**

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1 Paul, a bond-servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ,
“Paul”

1. He was the feared Jewish religious zealot that was saved by the grace of God.
2. His Damascus road encounter with Christ was all of God and none of Paul.
3. He lived a life demonstrating the power of God at work within him.
4. He was persecuted, stoned, slandered, in almost constant danger, fed to wild beasts in coliseums, controversial, on the run from his adversaries, looked down on from churches he ministered to, deserted by friends, and disliked for the Biblical stands he took on multiple issues.

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“Paul,

- A man educated under the famous, prestigious, sought after teacher, Gamaliel.

O.T. - 2 Schools of Interpretation in Judaism

(100 BC – 400 AD)

Rabbi Hillel
(more liberal)

Rabbi Shammai
(more conservative)



Simeon ben Hillel



Gamaliel (leader of the Sanhedrin)



Paul

Notice Paul does not say –

“Paul,

- A man educated under the famous, prestigious, sought after teacher, Gamaliel.
- A man with a brilliant mind.
- A man with endless credentials.
- A man skilled in Greek culture.
- A man who had been loyal to Judaism.
- A man from the tribe of Benjamin.
- A man who was a Pharisee who knew the law.
- A man who has seen the risen Christ.
- A man who performed miracles.
- A man who has entered the third heaven.

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“a bond-servant of God”

δουλος - doulos – a slave

The life of a slave –

- They had no freedom.
- They had no rights.
- They had no ownership of anything.
- They had no legal recourse in the courts.
- They could not give testimony as a witness in a law case.
- They had no citizenship.
- They had no possibility of doing what they wanted to do.
- They couldn't be a part of the army, or any part of the military.
- They were totally dependent on whoever owned them.

Paul is a slave

Rom 1:1

1 Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus,

Timothy is a slave

Phil 1:1

1 Paul and Timothy, slaves of Christ Jesus,

Epaphras is a slave

Col 1:7

7 just as you learned it from Epaphras, our beloved fellow slave,

Tychicus is a slave

Col 4:7

7 As to all my affairs, Tychicus, our beloved brother and faithful servant
and fellow slave in the Lord,

James is a slave

James 1:1

1 James, a slave of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,

Jude is a slave

Jude 1

1 Jude, a slave of Jesus Christ,

Peter is a slave

2 Peter 1:1

1 Simon Peter, a slave and apostle of Jesus Christ,

John is a slave

Rev 1:1

1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His slaves, the things which must soon take place; and He sent and communicated it by His angel to His slave John,

**These men knew exactly what slavery meant because they lived in a world of slavery.*

Mark 8:34

34 "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.

2 Cor 5:15

15 and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

2 Cor 5:9

9 Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.

Rom 10:9

9 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;

Matt 6:24

24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other.

Rom 6:6

6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;

Rom 6:17,18

17 But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed,

18 and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

1 Cor 7:23

23 You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of men.

John 3:30

30 "He must increase, but I must decrease.

Gal 2:20-21

20 "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Rom 6:4-7

4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

5 For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection,

6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;

7 for he who has died is freed from sin.

Phil 1:21

21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Mark 10:43-44

43 "But it is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant;

44 and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all.

A slave's life is a life of humility.

“Nothing sets a person so much out of the devil's reach as humility.”

- Jonathan Edwards

"You Gotta Serve Somebody"

“You may be an ambassador to England or France,
You may like to gamble, you may like to dance.
You may be the heavyweight champion of the
world,
You may be a socialite with a long string of pearls.
But you're gonna serve somebody,
You're gonna serve somebody.
It may be the devil, or it may be the Lord,
But you're gonna serve somebody.”

- Bob Dylan

Benefits of being a slave of Jesus Christ –

1. He loves me and accepts me demonstrated by His purchase of me out of the slave market of sin.

1 Tim 2:5-6

5 For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

6 who gave Himself as a ransom for all,

Acts 20:28

28 "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

1 Cor 7:23

23 You were bought with a price; do not become slaves of men

2. He takes care of all of my needs out of His limitless resources.

Phil 4:19-20

19 And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Matt 6:30-31

30 "But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more clothe you? You of little faith!

31 "Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?'

3. He protects me as a father would his child, a shepherd would his sheep, and a hen would her chicks.

Heb 13:5

5 for He Himself has said, "I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU,"

Deut 31:6

6 "Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the Lord your God is the one who goes with you.

Ps 121:3

3 He will not allow your foot to slip;
He who keeps you will not slumber.

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Isa 41:10

10 'Do not fear, for I am with you;
Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you, surely I will help you,

2 Thess 3:3

3 But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.

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αποστολος - apostolos – one sent to
deliver a message.

My life is not my own (δουλος), and my message
is not my own (αποστολος).

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Paul's 3-fold ministry:

1. Proclaim the gospel for justification (to unbelievers) –
“for the faith of those chosen of God and”

2 Tim 2:10-11

10 For this reason I endure all things for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus and with it eternal glory.

2. Preach the Word for sanctification (to believers) –
“the knowledge of the truth which is according to
godliness,”

Eph 1:4

4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him.

Col 1:28

28 We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ.

3. Pronounce the promises for future glorification –
“in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie,
promised long ages ago,”

Rom 8:30

30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

Phil 3:10-11

10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;

11 in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Rom 8:18

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

Rom 8:24

24 For in hope we have been saved,

3 Phases of Salvation

Justification

"I have been saved"

**Saved from the
penalty of sin.**

Sanctification

"I am being saved"

**Saved from the
power of sin.**

Glorification

"I shall be saved"

**Saved from the
presence of sin.**

Phil 1:6

6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

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“in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago,”

5 things God cannot do:

1. God cannot stop being God (cannot stop existing and he cannot change).

Mal 3:6

6 "For I, the Lord, do not change;

Heb 13:8

8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

2. God cannot act contrary to His nature.

2 Tim 2:13

3 If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.

3. God cannot sin.

Lev 11:44

44 'For I am the Lord your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy.

1 John 1:5

5 This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

4. God cannot learn anything new.

Isa 46:9-10

9 "Remember the former things long past,
For I am God, and there is no other;
I am God, and there is no one like Me,
10 Declaring the end from the beginning,
And from ancient times things which have not been done,
Saying, 'My purpose will be established,
And I will accomplish all My good pleasure';

1 John 3:20

20 in whatever our heart condemns us; for God is greater than our heart
and knows all things.

5. God can never be wrong.

Matt 5:48

48 "Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Though God does not lie, the Devil does - John 8:44

44 "You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

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Paul was entrusted with the proclamation of God's Word –

Gal 1:15-16

15 But when God, who had set me apart even from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, was pleased

16 to reveal His Son in me so that I might preach Him among the Gentiles,

Col 1:25

25 Of this church I was made a minister according to the stewardship from God bestowed on me for your benefit, so that I might fully carry out the preaching of the word of God,

1 Tim 2:5-7

5 For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

6 who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time.

7 For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying) as a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

1 Tim 6:20

20 O Timothy, guard what has been entrusted (deposited) to you,

“ . . . expository preaching--preaching that systematically and thoroughly explains the meaning of Scripture--is the only legitimate way to preach. The preacher's responsibility is not to create messages from his own wisdom or cleverness or to manipulate or sway his listeners by means of his own persuasiveness or charisma but to interpret, explain, and apply God's Word as clearly and completely as possible.”

- John MacArthur

Application

1. Slave.

2. Balance.

3. Word.