

SERMON OUTLINE

AN INTRODUCTION TO TITUS

TITUS 1:1-4

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

The Background:

Chronological Timeline of Paul's Journeys and Letters

1st Missionary Journey (45-47 A.D.)
- No letters were written
2nd Missionary Journey (51-54 A.D.)
- 1 Thessalonians (52-53 A.D.) written from Corinth
- 2 Thessalonians (52-53 A.D.) written from Corinth
3rd Missionary Journey (54-58 A.D.)
- 1 Corinthians (Spring, 57 A.D.) written from Ephesus
- 2 Corinthians (Fall, 57 A.D.) written from Macedonia
- Galatians (Winter, 57 A.D.) written from Greece
- Romans (Spring, 58 A.D.) written from Corinth
First Roman Imprisonment (61-63 A.D.)
- Philemon (61 or 62 A.D.) written from Rome
- Colossians (61 or 62 A.D.) written from Rome
- Ephesians (61 or 62 A.D.) written from Rome
- Philippians (61 or 62 A.D.) written from Rome
Between First and Second Imprisonments (63-67 A.D.)
- 1 Timothy (67 A.D.) written from Macedonia
- Titus (67 A.D.) written from Macedonia
Second Roman Imprisonment (68 A.D.)
- 2 Timothy (68 A.D.) written from Rome

Four Reasons to Study Titus (reasons #2-4 will come next sermon)

- 1) Challenge us to have a participatory engagement in and deeper commitment to the church

A Case for Church Membership: Four Reasons to Practice Membership

- 1) Church membership is biblical

“Church membership is a formal relationship between a church and a Christian characterized by the church’s affirmation and oversight of a Christian’s discipleship and the Christian’s submission to living out his or her discipleship in the context of the church.” - Jonathan Leeman

“The church is not just a loose collection of individuals, it is a closely knit structure like a human body (Eph 4:16) and has therefore to be rightly organized. For such ordering it needs to know exactly who belongs to it. A family which sat down to its meal-table or locked its doors at night, not knowing who was supposed to be there and who not, would be an extremely strange phenomenon. An army battalion which did not know whom to expect on parade would soon be in chaos. If the church is to be a true family and an effective fighting force it needs to know who exactly belongs to it.” – Eric Lane

A Case for Church Membership: Four Reasons to Practice Membership

- 1) Church membership is biblical
- 2) Church membership makes belonging a reality
- 3) Church membership identifies who the elders are responsible to shepherd
- 4) Church membership roots out self-centeredness and battles toxic individualism

Next Steps:

- Membership Class called “Belong”: Saturday, October 8th
- Discover: September 18 during second service
- Small Group Sunday: September 18

MEMBER COVENANT

Having been led by the Holy Spirit to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the public confession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we do now, in the presence of God and this assembly, solemnly and joyfully endeavor to keep the spirit of this covenant as one body in Christ. We purpose, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and love; to promote its fruitfulness and spirituality; to attend its services regularly; to sustain its worship, ordinances, and doctrines; to submit to its discipline and the authority of its officers; to give it a sacred preeminence over all institutions of human origin; to give faithfully of time and talent in its activities; to contribute cheerfully and regularly, as God has prospered us, to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, to the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel throughout all nations.

We also purpose to maintain family and private devotion to the Lord; to train our children according to the Word of God; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk carefully in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our conduct; to abstain from all activities, habits, and lifestyles that dishonor our Lord Jesus Christ, cause stumbling to a fellow believer, or hinder the gospel witness; to be zealous in our efforts to advance the cause of Christ, our Savior, and to give Him preeminence in all things.

We further purpose to encourage one another in the blessed hope of our Lord's return; to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feelings and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation. We moreover purpose that when we leave this church we will as soon as possible unite with another church of like faith where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

BENEDICTION: ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” – Hebrews 10:23-25

