

sermon notes

Pastor Tony Caffey, VBVF | “Framework for a Healthy Church”
July 13, 2025 | “God our Savior” | **Titus 1:1–4**

1) *Who wrote Titus, and to whom was it written?*

2) *What is Titus?*

3) *When was Titus written?*

4) *Where did Paul send Titus, and where was Paul when he wrote it?*

5) *Why did Paul write Titus?*

EXPOSITION

1) God's _____ (1:1a)

2) God's _____ (1:1b–2)

3) God's _____ (1:3)

4) God's _____ (1:4a)

5) God's _____ and _____ (1:4b)

Questions for further application of God's Word:

GO DEEPER

Titus is a short but potent book of the Bible. Take a look at the details above. What did you know about this book before today's message? What details are given in the book itself about its writing? What do we have to conjecture from church history, other writings, etc.? Access a study Bible or commentary for help answering these questions and/or watch the Bible Project video on Titus:

<http://bibleproject.com/explore/video/titus/>

How familiar are you with the content of Paul's letter to Titus? Are there any passages in this book that you have memorized? Are there any passages that have made an impact on you and your Christian walk?

GET PERSONAL

Read Titus 1:1–4. What important statements are made here about God? About the gospel? Who are the “elect” that Paul references in 1:2? Does that include you? How do you know? How does the faith of God's elect and the knowledge of the truth accord with godliness? Is godliness necessary for salvation? Is godliness an outworking of salvation? How has godliness been demonstrated in your life?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Read through the entire letter of Titus (all three chapters) in one sitting. Don't take your eye off the page or split your reading up into segments. Read it from start to finish without taking a break. How long did it take you? What's the overall tone of the book? What are the major ideas that emerged during your reading? What are some of the prominent commands that Paul gives to Titus in the book?

For the next several weeks, our church elders will be preaching through Titus. Take a few moments now to pray and ask God to transform you by the study of his Word. Ask him to mature you in specific ways. Ask him to mature the church in specific ways and make us all stronger disciples of Jesus Christ. What are some ways that you can prepare to hear from God and his Word on Sunday?

ADVANCED QUESTION

Some Bible scholars and theologians have concluded that the Pauline letters do not explicitly affirm the deity of Christ. They believe this doctrine is more appropriately extracted from John's writings (The Gospel of John, 1-3 John, Revelation). But then there's Titus. Where and how does Paul's letter to Titus support the doctrine of the deity of Christ?