

## Firm Foundations

Titus 1

### Titus: An Overview

- Paul wrote from prison to his faithful and capable ministry partner Titus around 62 A.D.
- Key themes in Titus include healthy local church organization, the dangers of false teaching, and the link between true faith and good works.
- Paul emphasized Christ as our Savior, who died for our sin and rescued His people from death.

### Foundational Truths

1:1-4

- Paul served and worshipped God as he helped believers understand how to live holy lives.
- God is fully truthful so we can be fully confident in His Word.
- True \_\_\_\_\_ brings hope, understanding, and sanctification for all believers.

*Commit to an ongoing pursuit of deepening faith and spiritual maturity.*

### Foundational Leadership

1:5-9

- Paul tasked Titus with establishing healthy local leadership in the Cretan churches.
- These leaders, called \_\_\_\_\_, were to be godly and trustworthy men of proven character.
- Elders were to steward and lead their own congregations with faithfulness and integrity.

*Thoughtfully follow the faithful leaders whom God has given you.*

### Foundational Teaching

1:10-16

- Elders were to \_\_\_\_\_ for their congregations by removing deceptive teachers and teaching truth.
- The Cretan Christians had been shaped by a corrupt culture so needed teachers and leaders who corrected their sin and taught them to pursue holiness.
- Despite claims of faith, false teachers revealed their true character and lack of belief through their words and actions.

*Listen and learn from the sound teachers whom God has given you.*

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Colossians 2:6-7

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Hebrews 13:7

Remember your leaders who taught you the word of God. Think of all the good that has come from their lives, and follow the example of their faith. (NLT)

Hebrews 13:17a

Obeys your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. (NLT)

John 8:44b

He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Matthew 7: 24-27

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."