

Equipped to Serve
Titus 1: 1-4

**We are equipped and should equip others for the service
of God**

I. A Word of Greeting (1:1)

Titus 1:1

Paul, a **servant** of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ,
according to the faith of God's elect, and the
acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;

A. Paul's Submission

2 Timothy 2:24

And the servant of the Lord must
not strive; but be gentle unto all *men*, apt to teach, patient,

Matthew 20:27

And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your
servant:

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B. Paul's Service

Galatians 1:1

Paul, an apostle (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;)

1 Corinthians 15:10

But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

II. A Word of Grace (1:1-2)

Titus 1:1-2

1 Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;

2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

II. A Word of Grace (1:1-2)

A. The Ministry of Grace

1. Paul fully embraced the ministry of grace given of the Lord

Ephesians 3:7-8

7 Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power.

8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

2. Paul desired to help them establish a firm faith foundation

II. A Word of Grace (1:1-2)

B. The Mandate of Grace

1. To acknowledge the truth

2 Corinthians 13:8

For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth.

2. To live Godly

Galatians 2:21

I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

Titus 2:12-13

12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

II. A Word of Grace (1:1-2)

C. The Measure of Grace (v 2)

1. In hope of eternal life

Colossians 1:5

For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;

2. Based on a truthful God

Deuteronomy 32:4

He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

II. A Word of Grace (1:1-2)

C. The Measure of Grace (v 2) - continued

3. From eternity past to eternity future

2 Timothy 1:9

Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the the world began,

III. A Word of Gratitude (1:3)

Titus 1:3

But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour;

III. A Word of Gratitude (1:3)

A. The Revelation (v 3a)

Romans 10:13-15

13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

III. A Word of Gratitude (1:3)

B. The Responsibility (3b)

1. Paul understood the gravity of his calling

1 Corinthians 9:6

For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!

2. Paul was committed to the calling

2 Timothy 1:15

That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.

IV. A Word of Generosity (1:4)

Titus 1:4

To Titus, mine own son after the common faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.

A. Their Relationship (4a)

B. The Resource (4b)

Are We Properly Equipped?